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The Prime Minister announced yesterday that more than 300 Libyan student engineers and pilots would be expected to leave Britain after new government directions to ban all practical training work on aircraft.

Mrs Thatcher said in a written Commons reply that directions had been issued by Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for Transport, to stop the aviation engineering trainees having access to aircraft.

Monday The 40s dynasty

Joan Collins was first, but now it's fun and fashionable to be glittering and glamorous... and over 40

Portfolio Gold

There is £20,000 to be won in The Times Portfolio Gold competition today - £15,000 in the weekly competition, double the usual amount because there was no winner last weekend, and the regular daily prize of £4,000.

On this day

On April 26, 1920, some of the 300 British refugees from Soviet Russia who had just landed in Southampton described the dangerous and squalid conditions in Moscow and Petrograd

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On the latest figures available to the Transport Department, there were 334 Libyan trainees in Britain last week. 157 trainee engineers with British Airways at Heathrow; 51 with Air UK at Norwich; 47 with Aviation-Traders at Stansted; 21 with British Caledonian at Gatwick; and four with the Aeronautical Training Group at Luton.

Arab group claims killing in Lyons

A mysterious Arab group has claimed responsibility for the assassination yesterday of Mr Kenneth Marston, aged 43, the British managing director of the Lyons-based American company Black and Decker.

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Leading Tory MPs to retire

Two long-standing Conservative MPs, Mr Norman St John-Stevens and Sir Edward de Cunn, last night announced that they would not stand at the next general election.



Clenched-fist salutes for Colonel Gaddafi as expelled Libyans walk to the plane for Tripoli.

Deported Libyans flown out

The 22 Libyans ordered to be deported for "national security" reasons were put on board a Libyan Arab Airlines aircraft at Heathrow yesterday bound for Tripoli.

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An armed policeman keeping close watch on the expulsions.

The men were chanting as the van drew up. As each was ordered off the bus and climbed into the Boeing 727 all but four punched the air with clenched fists and shouted support of Gaddafi.

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Long contracts sought to ease fears on Royal Ordnance float

By Jeremy Warner, Business Correspondent

The Government has been warned that plans to privatize the Royal Ordnance munitions factories, which are due to be floated on the stock market in July, may have to be scrapped unless it gives guarantees of long-term work.

Ministry of Defence officials have been given three weeks to come up with contracts stretching over several years which would enable the company to be sold successfully to investors.

Doubts in the City over the viability of the flotation have been heightened by the Government's decision to award the £130 million contract to build the first of the Royal Navy's new support vessels to a competitor of the newly privatized Tyne-side shipyard, Swan Hunter.

The decision has considerably undermined City confidence in companies that rely heavily on the Ministry of Defence for their work.

Treasury expectations of the probable proceeds of the Royal Ordnance flotation have had to be drastically reduced in the past year because of the effects of the MoD's new competitive tendering policy on the armaments factories.

Several munitions contracts that would in the past have gone automatically to the Royal Ordnance factories have been placed overseas or with private British companies.

N.M. Rothschild, the City merchant bank advising the Government on the flotation, now expects the issue to raise £150 million to £200 million against an initial target of about £450 million.

Approximately 80 per cent of Royal Ordnance sales are to the Ministry of Defence. The company believes that guarantees of a significant proportion of this workload being maintained will be necessary to attract City investors.

However, any guarantees of this sort would go against the Government's stated aim of competitive fixed-price tendering for MoD contracts.

Figures due to be released in the third week of May are expected to show that Royal Ordnance made pre-tax profits of about £25 million in 1985 against only £633,000 in the previous nine months.

Double jeopardy policy changes

By Stephen Johnson, Parliamentary Staff

Crime suspects who have been officially told they will not be prosecuted may no longer be immune from court action if new evidence comes to light, MPs were told yesterday.

Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Solicitor General, told the Commons that in exceptional circumstances the policy of double jeopardy will be overridden where a review of the case showed that a prosecution appeared to be in the public interest.

The part reversal of policy was announced during a short debate on the case of Mr John Williams of Luton, Bedfordshire, whose death from a drug overdose led to the first successful private prosecution for manslaughter this century.

Mr Graham Bright, Conservative MP for Luton South, reminded Sir Patrick of the Director of Public Prosecutions' repeated refusals to bring a case against Gary Austin, aged 24, the man responsible for leading Mr Williams to have the fatal injection, because of lack of firm evidence.

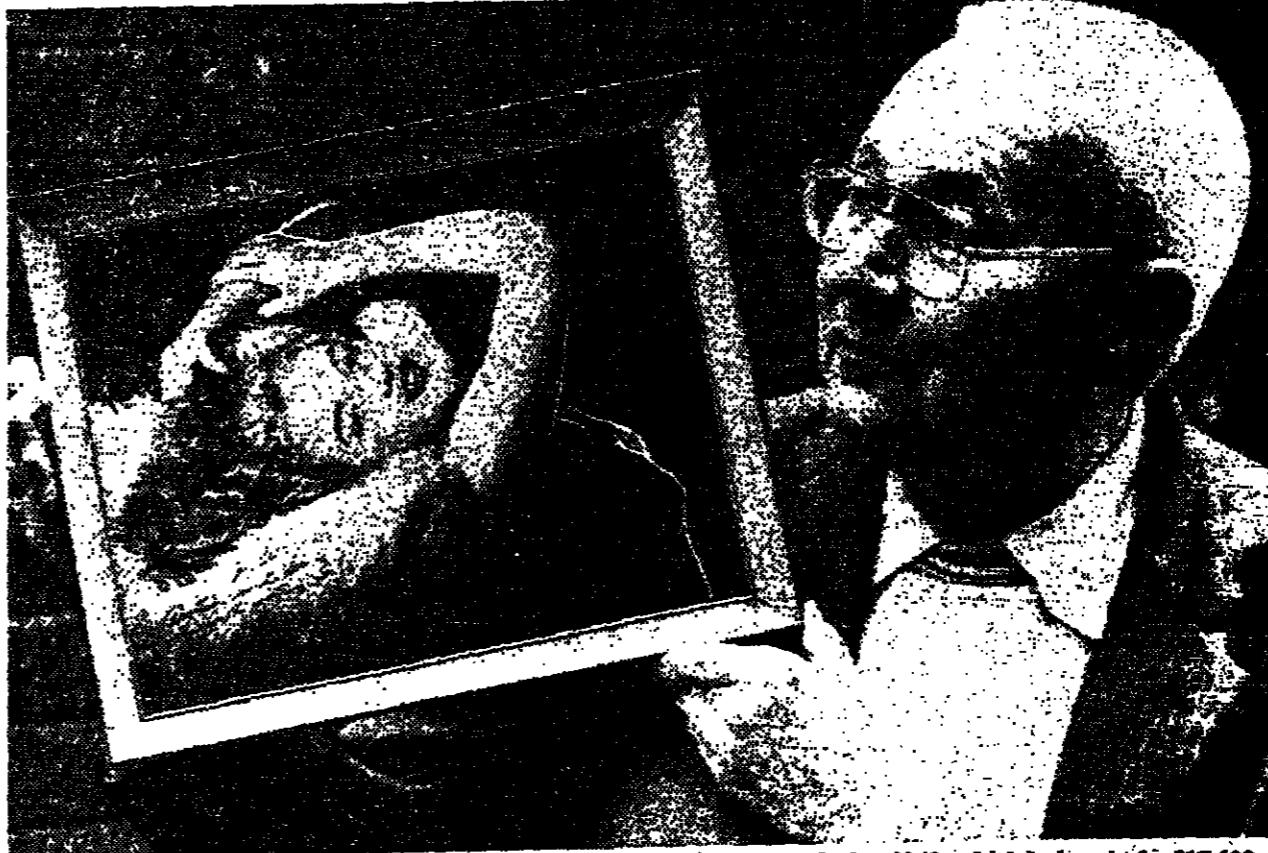
Sir Patrick said Austin had twice been told he would not be prosecuted. However, significant advances were made in the study of Palfium, the drug which caused the Mr Williams' death, and his mother had launched a campaign to gather the proof she needed for a successful private prosecution.

Sir Patrick conceded that even after a *prima facie* case had been established against Austin, the DPP thought that the double jeopardy policy should be observed—and so stuck to the decision not to prosecute.

"In very rare cases, a decision has been expressed to have been taken only 'on the present state of the evidence'," he said. But although the DPP had agreed to revise the practice, such action would be taken only in exceptional cases.

Sir Patrick said that the claim by Mrs Williams for costs in the magistrates' court had been or would be paid.

However, the Attorney General had agreed to represent her at court in her high court action to get her son's death certificate amended.



An art dealer from New York with a photograph of Marilyn Monroe taken in the late 1940s which he bought for £17,600 at Sotheby's, London, yesterday. The inscription to the photographer, Bill Burasid, reads: "To Bill, Anything worth having is worth waiting for! Love Marilyn" (Photograph: Suresh Karadia).

Prince is convicted of dealing in cocaine

A Saudi prince was convicted yesterday of cocaine dealing. But Prince Mithoub Ben Sand Aziz, aged 34, was cleared of conspiracy to import the drug into Britain.

The Prince, twenty-fourth son of the late King Saud and the nephew of the Saudi ruler King Fahd, will be sentenced on Monday at Knightsbridge Crown Court.

Prince Mithoub, of Cheval Place, Knightsbridge, west London, admitted to the court that he had an £800-a-week drug habit and had pleaded guilty to possessing cocaine.

At the end of a 15-week trial, the jury unanimously found him guilty of possessing the drug with intent to supply. But they found him not guilty on two charges of conspiring with others to import the drug from Amsterdam.

The prosecution had alleged that the Prince was the financial mastermind behind the drug smuggling ring.

Prince Mithoub admitted handing quantities of the drug to friends but claimed he squandered most of his £30,000-a-month allowance on prostitutes.

The Prince's former aide, Andrew Jamieson, aged 26, of Gilbert Place, Holborn, central London, was convicted on two charges of cocaine dealing. Another defendant, Dino "Broncho" Sadler, aged 24, of Brentwood Road, Dunstable, Bedfordshire, was convicted of conspiracy to import and supply cocaine.

Muzina Mahabub, aged 25, was charged of importing cocaine. Harvey Savory, aged 33, of Rydes Lane, St John's Wood, north-west London, was cleared of two charges of conspiracy to import cocaine and cannabis but faces a further charge of importing cocaine.

The jury retired to consider verdicts against three other defendants and has yet to return verdicts today on the other three defendants.

Scotland's 'model for regions'

By Our Political Staff

Fragmented responsibility in Whitehall for regional development policy was less effective in encouraging industry than the system in Scotland, Mr Leon Brittan, former Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, said in Strathclyde yesterday.

"It is hardly surprising that with such a proliferation of bodies and government departments with different powers and functions, many people in the English regions should look with increasing interest at the way in which such matters are handled north of the border", he told Strathclyde University Conservative Association.

In Scotland one department—the Scottish Office—and one public body—the Scottish Development Agency—were able to tackle in a unified and comprehensive way development tasks exercised by a variety of bodies coming under at least three ministries, Mr Brittan said.

The agency helped small businesses, encouraged rural development, administered industrial estates, improved derelict land, supported technical innovation, stimulated inward investment and provided venture capital, he said.

Security tight for meeting

By Ronald Faux

Tight security surrounded the Gleneagles Hotel in Perthshire yesterday for the opening of the Bilderberg Conference, the annual meeting of internationally eminent politicians, leaders and industrialists.

The five-star hotel was closed to the public and sealed by police as the "great and the good", as one observer called the delegates, gathered to discuss topics of world moment in privacy. Journalists were kept at bay at the hotel gates.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher and the Prince of Wales are said to be among those meeting over the weekend, but the organizers kept their guest list a close secret yesterday.

Journalists were told there would be no facilities for them and no final round-up announcement of any conclusions reached during the conference.

A police officer at the gates said that the hotel grounds were a "no-go" area. All roads into Gleneagles had been blocked.

The Bilderberg meetings began in 1952 under the aegis of Prince Bernhard of The Netherlands. The first was at the Bilderberg Hotel, Oostbeek. Since then there has been such a meeting every year.

Labour 'has become the listening party'

By George Hill

The Labour Party does not put dogma or ideology first, Mr Jeffrey Rooker, spokesman on housing, said yesterday.

Continuing the party leadership's campaign to reassure voters that Labour has moved away from extremist policies, he claimed that the party had no need to be "cov" about its record towards home-owners as well as tenants.

"The Labour Party has become the listening party", he said, "plundering one of the Big Four banks' publicity."

"Listening to people so that we can take a fresh look at old problems. It is an attitude

Labour to aid carers

By Our Political Staff

A future Labour Government would give financial and social help to carers, Mr Michael Meacher, Labour health and social services spokesman, said last night.

He promised an extension to the invalid care allowance for married and cohabiting women who cared for relatives at home and the appointment of a carers' liaison officer, he said. "We do not accept the Government's feeble excuse that it cannot afford £85 million to pay 96,000 women invalid care allowance, particularly when that same Government is prepared to pay private nursing homes £250 per week to look after an elderly person."

He promised that leasehold reform would be extended to flat dwellers by a future Labour government.

Auditors' dismay at surcharge role

By Colin Hughes

Legislation to strip district auditors of their responsibility to take councillors to court for willful misconduct was proposed last night by Mr John Banham, head of the Audit Commission.

In a speech to an Association of Local Councils conference at Llandudno, north Wales, he described the "distaste" which auditors felt for being placed in the front line of court cases against Lambeth and Liverpool councillors for their delay in setting rates last year.

"Almost unanimously, district auditors would welcome the demise of their surcharge and disqualification powers, which sit very uneasily with the auditor's statutory responsibility for value for money," Mr Banham, who heads the independent quango overseeing public audit, said.

Councillors themselves saw the surcharge and disqualification powers as "a real obstacle to progress" in the auditors' primary role, that of tackling wasteful inefficiency.

He said local government was singled out for this treatment without any persuasive explanation, judgments were often subjective, and it was increasingly clear from the Liverpool and Lambeth cases "that one man's misconduct is another's perfectly proper stance".

The dilemmas were more acute when issues became political and embroiled auditors in time-consuming and expensive litigation. Each of the recent cases had cost about £200,000.

Mr Banham argued for improving local government effectiveness by making councillors and officials more accountable to voters.

"Paradoxically, external auditors could be much more effective in enhancing local accountability if they were not directly involved in legal action with respect to misconduct," he said. However, he should continue to be responsible for illegalities such as fraud and corruption.

Not only were auditors being required to "combine the roles of public prosecutor and management controller", they were also prevented from keeping the public informed. Auditors had been unable to issue detailed public reports on the Liverpool and Lambeth councils, pending the outcome of court cases.

Mr Banham said auditors had to react after losses had been incurred, and were not free to issue reports to all interested parties and the press. "So-called public reports can be bottled up in the local bureaucratic machinery for weeks, if not months, thus blunting their impact."

He proposed legislation enabling auditors to take preventive action, rather than, as at present, being forced to wait until after the horse has bolted.

Du Cann attack over BL

Sir Edward Du Cann, the influential Tory MP and chairman of the Lomrho group, one of the companies bidding for Land-Rover, yesterday attacked the Government's behaviour as "muddled" and "very foolish".

Sir Edward, MP for Taunton and a former chairman of the Tory backbench 1922 Committee, said on the BBC Radio Four Today programme that he had "no sympathy with them whatsoever".

The Government announced on Thursday that plans to sell off Land Rover and other parts of the BL commercial vehicles operation had been shelved.

Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, said in the Commons that the Government had accepted the board's recommendation to abandon the sale because none of the bids was acceptable.

Sir Edward said yesterday that ministers had shown "a lack of clear-mindedness" at the beginning of their self-off plans and then "weakness in the face of opposition to the sale from the BL board."

He believed that a "great opportunity" had been missed, saying: "It is a shame not just for the company and the workforce but from the point of view of the Government which has made itself look very foolish."

"I think the Government has done itself immense harm in its relationship with the City over this."

When the BL board meeting to consider the four rival bids ended on Tuesday, it was a fifth option that prevailed: to retain Land-Rover within BL while preparing it for privatization.

Mr Channon, speaking on the same programme as Sir Edward, strongly defended his decision, saying he did not believe Land-Rover had suffered "any lasting damage" from the uncertainty.

Court order challenged

A court order obtained by the Metropolitan Police requiring disclosure of confidential papers during an investigation into alleged fraud in the running of community groups in Tottenham, north London, is being challenged in the High Court.

Three community groups on the Broadwater Farm Estate and an accountant were granted leave yesterday to appeal against the granting of the order. The appeal will be heard on Wednesday.

Big race jewel theft charges

Two men appeared before magistrates at Southgate, Merseyside, yesterday charged with stealing £250,000 of jewellery from Mrs Georgina Bronfman, the wife of the chairman of Seagraves, the Grand National sponsors.

Christopher Alfieri, aged 21, of Leicester Road, Sale, Manchester, and Graham Walker, aged 34, of Queens Drive, Liverpool, both jewellers, were remanded in custody for a week, accused of their theft from an hotel before the race in April.

Action against Equity ban

A High Court judge will be asked next Wednesday to order the actors' union Equity to lift its ban on members appearing in South Africa.

Marius Goring, a former vice-president of Equity, is bringing an action seeking a declaration that the union exceeded its powers when it imposed the ban after a ballot of members. Mr Goring is suing on behalf of Equity members opposed to the ban.

Plea for house rejected

The National Heritage Memorial Fund has rejected an application for funds to save Monkton House, which has been described as "a rare and total work of art".

The house in West Dean, West Sussex, was designed by Lutyns in 1902.



The Princess stepping out in the sunshine at the training college in Reading yesterday (Photograph: Julian Herbert).

Princess in black for nursery school visit

The Princess of Wales was dressed in black yesterday when she visited a nursery training school in Reading, Berkshire, the day after the death of the Duchess of Windsor.

Wearing a black and grey pin-stripe coat-dress with black handbag and shoes and a black and white pearl necklace, the Princess was greeted in the sunshine by cheering children and students at Chiltern Nursery Training College.

Mr Gordon Palmer, the Lord Lieutenant of Berkshire, and Mrs Pamela Townsend, the college principal, were presented to the Princess, who was given an educational wall-chart made by second-year students. It showed a light-house and lifeboat decorated with the faces of her children, Prince William and Prince Henry.

During a tour of the toddler nursery, Thomas Jacobs, aged 19 months, knocked her on the nose with a bunch of daffodils. "Well, it is the thought that counts", the Princess said.

Officer's secret court case

By Craig Seton

West Midlands police yesterday denied any involvement in arrangements for a court case involving a senior officer on drink driving charges to be heard 10 days earlier than scheduled.

No members of the Press were in court when Supt Tom Baldwin, aged 43, who acts as liaison officer between the police force and the Home Office, appeared before Birmingham magistrates on April 15.

West Midlands police had said that he was due to appear before magistrates yesterday, but the case was heard last week.

West Midlands police said they could not divulge the outcome.

Supt Baldwin, who could now face disciplinary proceedings, was banned from driving for 15 months and fined £150 for failing to provide breath specimens for analysis. He had denied the charge, which arose from his arrest on the M6 on January 2. He was fined a total of £55.

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US demands threaten to disrupt Tokyo summit's harmony

From Bailey Marris, Washington

President Reagan has left Washington on the first leg of his 12-day journey to the Tokyo economic summit, armed with a set of US priorities which could disrupt the carefully planned display of Western harmony sought by the Japanese hosts.

The formal agenda, worked out in numerous sessions of the summit "Sherpas", the official preparers, has been largely overshadowed by the events surrounding the US bombing of Libya and Mr Reagan's determination to wrest a stronger show of support from his Allies. "We need to know precisely where our allies are," the Senate majority leader, Mr Robert Dole, said after meeting the President at the White House on Thursday.

There are also indications that the summit leaders could stumble over trade matters dominated by a dispute between the United States and the European Community over the recent accession of Spain and Portugal. Japan's huge trade surplus also looms large.

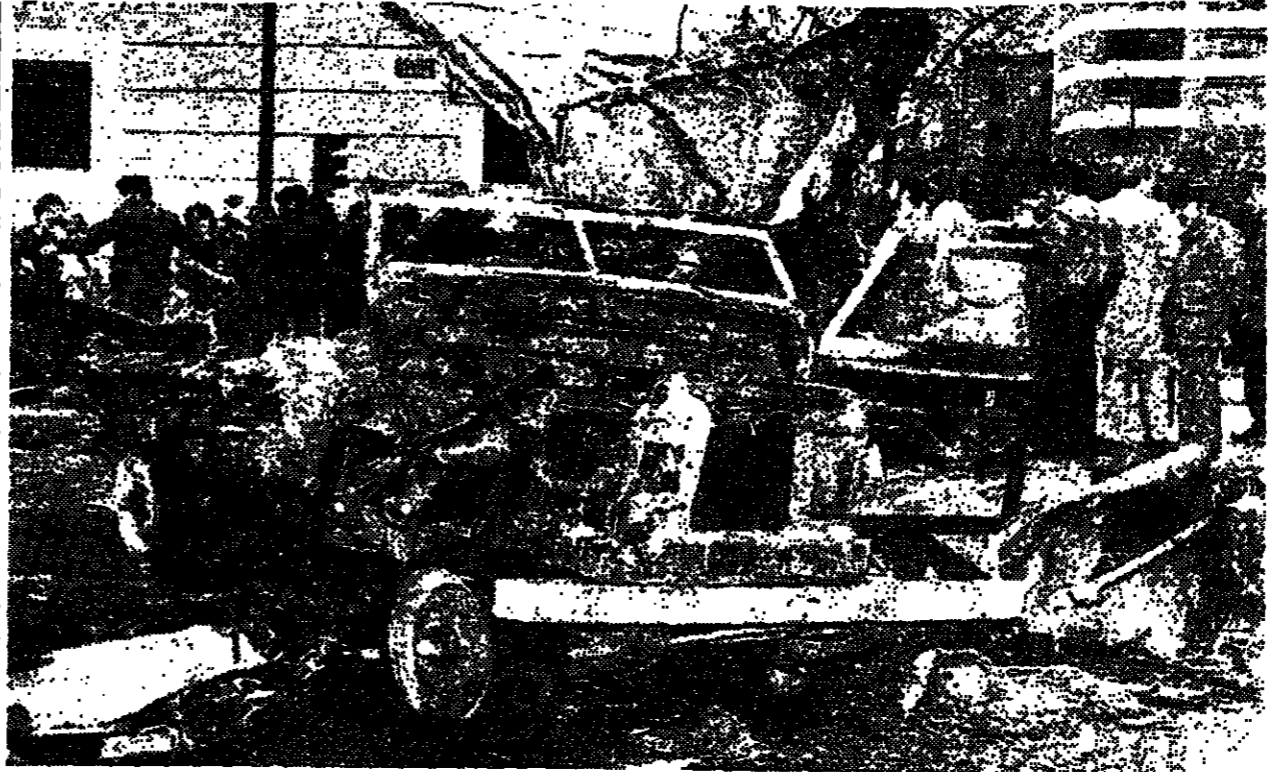
But the Treasury Secretary, Mr James Baker, said at a press briefing that trade frictions between the US and Europe over agricultural exports pose "the biggest threat to the world's free trading system".

Privately, European officials in Washington said the summit could "blow up" over a relatively minor matter if the US rhetoric is too strong. Tensions are high in Europe since recent US threats to impose quotas on EEC food exports and statements by US officials that Europe - West Germany in particular - is not doing enough to sustain world growth by expanding its domestic economy, officials said.

US officials made it clear in the pre-summit briefings that they intend to put more pressure on West Germany to stimulate domestic growth which is projected at from 3.7 per cent to 4 per cent this year. Specifically, the US wants West Germany to follow it and Japan in another interest rate cut, but the Bundesbank has so far refused to comply. "Given West Germany's 9 per cent unemployment rate and low inflation, it has plenty of room to grow," a US official said.

Prior to boarding Air Force One on the first leg of his journey, Mr Reagan told Congressional leaders he wanted a strong commitment from the allies against international terrorism.

"As we consider further action against terrorism, we are very mindful that terrorists do split the West and divide us. We are determined



The blackened remains of the Land-Rover in which five Civil Guards died in a car-bomb explosion in Madrid yesterday.

Royal tour of Britain praised in Spain

From Harry Debelius, Madrid

King Juan Carlos's visit to Britain has received the nod of approval in his homeland. As the royal tour ended, there was a general mood of satisfaction among editorial writers, politicians and other professional observers here yesterday, coupled with praise for the King's efforts to stimulate a solution of the Gibraltar issue.

A cartoon in the liberal Madrid daily, *Diario 16*, showed the King seated in an easy chair reading *The Times* and gently caressing the head of a huge, softly purring British lion.

There was satisfaction, too, over the honours accorded to King Juan Carlos in Britain. The monarchist daily *ABC*, in a leading article on Thursday, said: "For the first time a foreign sovereign has had the privilege of giving a speech before both Houses of the British Parliament..."

"Although he exercised exemplary prudence, he did not avoid making a reference to Gibraltar..."

"Even if notable precedents of analogous speeches by Don Juan Carlos did not exist... his words in the Parliament of Westminster would be enough to accredit the King as the great ambassador of the cause of Spain at this time."

A leading article the same day in *El Pais* said that "there is a psychological resistance, which is maintained by part of the British population, to the ceding of sovereignty over the Rock."

The Roman Catholic daily *Ya* said in an editorial:

"Naturally it is up to governments not kings, to find the formulas, but monarchs create the climate in which such formulas can appear. That may be the most important result of this historic trip of the Spanish monarch."

Leading article, page 9.

Madrid car bomb kills five Civil Guardsmen

From Harry Debelius, Madrid

A car bomb exploded at dawn yesterday on a main thoroughfare here killing five members of the para-military Civil Guard and seriously injuring four other policemen and at least four civilians.

The blast demolished a passing patrol car, in which the Civil Guardsmen were travelling.

Passing motorists took the injured to at least six different hospitals and it took rescue crews several hours to cut through the twisted wreckage of the car and remove the mangled bodies of three of the policemen.

The car which was loaded with the explosives was so thoroughly demolished that police could not immediately determine what model it was.

The explosion hurled a wheel of the patrol car through the facade of a nearby hospital, leaving a gaping hole. It wrecked other cars and shattered windows throughout the area.

Eyewitnesses heard, a young man shout "Gora Eia", meaning "long live Eia". Angry passers-by grabbed him but the police intervened before the possible lynching. He has not yet been identified and it is not clear whether he had anything to do with the bombing or whether he was merely an Eia sympathiser.

Streets were blocked off throughout the area until close to midday and sniffer dogs searched for possible booby traps while helicopters circled overhead.

Police checkpoints were established on all roads leading out of the capital, causing huge traffic delays.

Police suspect the attack was the work of the Madrid branch of Eta (Basque Homeland and Liberty), the Basque terrorist organization, because of the familiar pattern it took.

They estimate the car bomb contained 20 kilos of plastic explosive of the kind normally used by Eta and was set off by remote control.

Initial speculation raised the question of the attack being linked to Libya because of the proximity of the Italian Embassy. But, police discarded that line of speculation after further investigations.

Fans sue Juventus over cup tragedy

Venice (Reuters) - Two Italian soccer fans injured in the riots which killed 39 people at last year's European Cup final are suing the cup winners, Juventus.

Signor Egidio Favaretto and Signor Giuseppe Carraro are seeking damages from the match proceeds and accusing the top Italian club of profiting from a tragedy.

The two fans, who live in Venice, were among about 350 people hurt when a wall collapsed during a stampede by rioting supporters of Liverpool at the final in the Heysel Stadium, Brussels, in May last year. Signor Carraro broke his leg and several ribs while Signor Favaretto fractured his ankle.

Gromyko goes back to work

Moscow (Reuters) - President Gromyko, whose health has been the subject of speculation, was officially reported to be at work yesterday, chairing a meeting of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet. He has had influenza.

Wine over the limit

Rome (Reuters) - The Italian Health Ministry said that just over 1 per cent of wine samples tested up to now for adulteration with methyl alcohol showed levels of the chemical above the legal limit.

Out of 71,051 samples analysed, 850 contained amounts of methyl alcohol higher than permitted.

Student shot

Santiago (Reuters) - A student was shot dead in Temuco during the third consecutive day of violent protests against a visit by President Pinochet.

Play it again

Moscow (AFP) - Soviet television, which only briefly mentioned last Sunday's now world-famous Moscow recital by the Soviet-born American pianist Vladimir Horowitz, aged 81, will show a recording of it on May 4.

Embassy man shot in Sanaa

From Mohsin Ali, Washington

A United States embassy communications officer was shot and injured in Sanaa, the capital of North Yemen, a State Department official here said yesterday.

The officer was driving his car when a gunman in another car pulled alongside and fired five or more shots before driving off, the official added.

The American, whose name was not released, was injured in the upper part of his body. He does not appear to be in danger and is in stable condition in hospital.

It was the second shooting of a US embassy employee in the Arab world since the April 14 US air strike on Libya.

A communications officer in the US Embassy in Khartoum, Sudan, was shot and injured last week.

General angry: General Vernon Walters, the American representative, criticized the non-aligned movement for what he termed its brazen alignment against the US as the United Nations Security Council concluded its debate on the American bombings of Libya (Zoriana Pysariwsky writes).

General Walters said the US was deeply indignant and would not forget the "totally one-sided view" the movement had taken.

French strengthen coastal defences

From Diana Geddes, Paris

The French Government has stepped up defences along the Mediterranean coast in the wake of the Libyan crisis.

It has installed a veritable barrage of anti-aircraft Roland missiles and radar systems on military sites along the entire length of the coast from the Italian border to the Pyrenees.

The Ministry of Defence said there was no reason to dramatize the situation. The defence measures had been taken in the light of the tensions in the Mediterranean provoked by the American bombardment of Libya.

But it is known that the French authorities have become increasingly concerned about the possibility of Libyan reprisals against France.

This comes after press reports that American planes did in fact fly over French territory, despite the French Government's refusal to allow them to do so, and further reports that President Mitterrand had pressed President Reagan for an all-out attack against Libya, deeming the planned American raid a mere "pin-prick".

The French Government is also understood to have wanted to give greater protection to the five American warships which docked into French Mediterranean ports on Wednesday for what was described as a "technical stop-over".

Two American amphibious

assault ships are in Toulon, and a tank carrier, a troop carrier and another amphibious assault ship are in Marseilles.

Extra police have been laid on in both towns, and the American Marines are being asked not to go out in groups of more than five or six.

It is understood that Italy has taken similar precautions to build up its coastal defences.

Commenting on the wave of anti-French sentiment in the US after France's refusal to support the American raid on Libya, M Jean-Bernard Raimond, the French Foreign Minister, said in the Senate on Thursday night that it was important "to keep a sense of proportion" and "to avoid making a perfectly understandable divergence the pretext for an artificial crisis".

He went on: "To do so would be to play the game of those who want to divide us."

Referring to the "extremely virulent press campaign and even official declarations against us in the US", he said that France was "not in the habit of arguing with our allies, particularly when that which draws us together is so important".

He dismissed the rift as a "divergence over the most appropriate method to fight against one particular case of terrorism".

Greek Cabinet sworn in with 12 changes

From Mario Modiano, Athens

Twelve new Greek ministers and undersecretaries were sworn in yesterday.

Mr Andreas Papandreu, the Prime Minister, who had kept the defence ministry since 1981 to get the military accustomed to a socialist Government, now feels confident enough to hand it over.

The new Cabinet is: Prime Minister, Andreas Papandreu; Deputy Premier and Defence, Yiannis Haralambopoulos (-); Minister to the Presidency of the Government, Akis Tsohatzopoulos; Foreign Affairs, Karolos Papoulias; Foreign Affairs minister of state (EEC), Theodoros Pangalos; Interior, Menios Koutsos-

orgas; Public Order, Antonis Dracoyannis (+); National Economy, Kostas Simitis; Health, Welfare, Insurance, George Yenni-matas; Justice, Apostolos Kalkimantis (+); Education and Religion, Antonis Trias (+); Culture, Youth and Sports, Melina Mercouri; Finance, Dimitris Tsoulfas; Finance minister of state, Nikos Athanasiopoulos; Northern Greece, Yiannis Papadimitriou; Agriculture, Kostas Stryiok; Agriculture, Yiannis Potlakis; Environment, Public Works, Evangelos Kouzoumis; Labour, Evangelos Vlachopoulos; Industry, Energy, Technology, Markos Natsanas (-); Commerce, George Katsiaras (+); Transport, Communications, George Papadimitriou; Merchant Marine, Stathis Alexandris (+); change

European plan to build Nato transport plane

By Rodney Cowton, Defence Correspondent

The European members of Nato are considering starting a multi-billion pound project to build a large military transport aircraft.

The issue will be discussed on Monday at a meeting of European defence ministers of the Independent European Programme Group in Madrid. Initial assessments of the need for an aircraft to succeed the Lockheed Hercules transport and other aircraft have been in progress for some time.

The possibility is being examined of building an aircraft, for the late 1990s, capable of being used both for heavy transport and in maritime patrol, air-to-air refuelling and airborne early warning.

It is estimated that the European Nato countries have about 400 aircraft which will be replaced.

A joint programme would be seen as another step towards a collaborative European approach to the procurement of defence equipment which could lead to European defence industries competing on equal terms with the Americans.

Londoners' leap thrills New Yorkers

From Trevor Fishlock, New York



Michael McCarthy getting a bag from a friend after being charged with reckless endangerment.

New Yorkers were plainly delighted yesterday by the historic leap from the Empire State Building by two young Londoners.

The sky divers were hailed in the newspapers for doing what no one had done before. And New Yorkers, who get moody if they do not have at least one sensation a week, were grateful to them.

Michael McCarthy, aged 25, a computer programmer, and Alisdair Boyd, aged 27, a landscape gardener, dived head first from the 86th floor observation deck, 1,450ft up, having attached their parachute static lines to the railings.

A minute later, having steered their rectangular aerofoil parachutes around obstacles, they landed in Fifth Avenue.

Mr Boyd gathered up his chute and smartly hailed a taxi. Mr McCarthy's chute, however, snagged on a traffic light and two policemen arrived to arrest him and charge him with reckless endangerment and parachuting within the city limits. He did not seem to mind, and the policemen themselves seemed to admire the stunt.

Mr McCarthy, who parachuted from the Eiffel Tower two years ago, and Mr Boyd made practice jumps from an antenna tower in Florida before flying to New York and buying \$3 tickets to the Empire State Building.

They carried their parachute gear under raincoats, strapped it on and climbed over the 6ft rail to the parapet. A guard shouted "Get off the fence" - and they did.

There were plenty of pictures of the Londoners' leap because they had told a photographic agency in advance. They said they did not make any money on the jump. They did it because it had not been done before and because life can be humdrum.

They also said the Empire State Building represents America. Back on the ground, having conquered America, they dined on hamburgers.

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2 I will arrange monthly payments of: £ minimum £20 maximum £200 in multiples of £5

3 Other Payments to Yearly Plan: if payments are already being made to Yearly Plan on behalf of the above, please give the Yearly Plan numbers:

4 I accept the terms of the Prospectus dated 10 July 1985.

Signature of Applicant Date 19
 Daytime Telephone Number (Useful if there is a query)

Yearly Plan Standing Order Mandate
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DESCRIPTION AND TAX RELIEF: 1. National Savings Yearly Plan (Yearly Plan) is a savings scheme (the Scheme) offered by the Director of Savings on behalf of the Treasury under the National Loans Act 1968. Under the Scheme an agreement is made to make 12 monthly payments leading to the issue of a certificate. The agreement also provides for the applicant to be offered an option to make payments under subsequent agreements, each of 12 monthly payments. Options are exercised by making the first relevant payment and without making a further application but only if at least 7 valid payments are made under the immediately preceding agreement and have not been repaid before the certificate date. Certificates issued under the scheme are National Savings Certificates and the Scheme is subject to the terms of this prospectus and to the Savings Certificates (Yearly Plan) Regulations 1984, or any other regulations relating to savings certificates in force for the time being. A repayment of principal together with any interest due will be a charge on the National Loans Fund with recourse to the Consolidated Fund and any interest will be free of United Kingdom income tax and capital gains tax.

DEFINITIONS: 2. In this prospectus: "applicant" means an eligible person (as defined in paragraph 3) who enters into a Yearly Plan agreement. "certificate date" means the date one year after the first of the month which follows the month of the first payment. It will be shown on the certificate. "certificate value" means the capitalised value of payments made under the agreement together with interest earned on the payments at the certificate date. "holder" means the person in whose name payments are being made under a Yearly Plan agreement. A certificate issued under the Scheme will be registered in the holder's name. "initial agreement" means the first agreement made following an application to join the Scheme. "subsequent agreement" means a second or further agreement which follows on from the initial agreement by the exercise of the relevant option. "interest rates date" means the date which determines the interest rates which are applicable to an agreement, set out in an offer letter. For an initial agreement it is the date a valid application is received by the Savings Certificate and SAVES Office, Durham, (Yearly Plan Section). For a subsequent agreement it is an anniversary of this date. "offer letter" means the letter sent to the applicant by the Savings Certificate and SAVES Office, Durham, (Yearly Plan Section), notifying him of the interest rates and other details of his agreement.

ELIGIBILITY: 3. A Yearly Plan agreement may be applied for: (i) by any individual who has reached the age of 7 years and is not under a legal disability other than by reason of his age, or (ii) by such an individual on behalf of and in the name of a person under the age of 7 years at the date a valid application is received. (a) by a receiver on behalf of and in the name of a mentally disordered person, or (v) by not more than 2 trustees, either corporate or individual, where the beneficiary of the trust is a sole individual.

APPLICATION: 4. An applicant will complete an application form. The standing order mandate form which forms part of the application must show the day in the month on which payments are to be made. But the Yearly Plan Section will enter the month in which the first payment is to be made and send the standing order mandate to the bank. The due date for the first payment will be no less than one month and no more than two months after the interest rates date. To start the agreement the first payment must be made on the due date. Subsequent payments will be due on the same day of the month in the following 12 months.

INTEREST RATES NOTIFICATION AND ACCEPTANCE PROCEDURE: 5. The interest rates applicable to an agreement will be notified to the applicant in an offer letter sent by post to the applicant's address. If the applicant rejects the offer, the standing order mandate must be cancelled so as to prevent the first payment from being made.

PAYMENTS: 6. Payments may be made only under a standing order mandate acceptable to the Director of Savings. Payments can be made in this manner by the applicant or by any person or body on his behalf. All such payments, once made, will become the property of the holder. 7. Only one payment per agreement may be made in each of the 12 months of an agreement and each payment must be for the same amount. 8. In the event of the death (other than of a trustee or receiver) of either the applicant or holder no further payments may be made under the agreement without the consent of the Director of Savings. Any payments made in breach of this paragraph will be returned without interest.

LIMITS: 9. The maximum monthly payment under the Scheme is £20. All monthly payments must be in multiples of £5. The total of all payments under the Scheme for the benefit of any one holder must not exceed £2000 in

any month. A holder who is a trustee will be treated separately in his personal capacity and in his capacity as trustee, and separately in respect of each separate trust fund.

SUBSEQUENT AGREEMENTS: 10. Provided that at least 7 valid payments are made under an immediately preceding agreement leading to the issue of a certificate, the applicant has an option to enter into a subsequent agreement on the terms of this prospectus as amended in accordance with paragraphs 21 and 22. The applicant takes up the option by continuing the standing order payments provided the first payment under the subsequent agreement is made on the due date. If the applicant does not wish to take up the option the standing order mandate must be cancelled.

PAYMENTS ON SUBSEQUENT AGREEMENTS: 11. Payments on subsequent agreements must be for the same amount and be made on the same day of the month as for the preceding agreement.

TRANSFERS: 12. Agreements are transferable only with the consent of the Director of Savings Certificates and transfers must be in the name of other savings certificates.

INTEREST ON PAYMENTS UP TO CERTIFICATE DATE: 13. Monthly payments in respect of which a certificate is issued will each earn simple interest for each complete calendar month up to the certificate date. Interest begins on the first day of the month following the month of payment; if monthly payments are repaid before the certificate date, interest is payable.

INTEREST ON CERTIFICATES: 14. A certificate showing the certificate value at the certificate date will be sent to the applicant. The certificate value will earn interest compounded annually on the anniversaries of the certificate date for each whole calendar month from the certificate date up to the date of repayment or the fourth anniversary of the certificate date, whichever is earlier.

BASIS ON WHICH INTEREST IS EARNED: 15. If at least 7 payments are made under an agreement the interest rates to be applied to individual payments and to the certificate value will be those set out in the relevant offer letter.

IF 6 OR FEWER PAYMENTS ARE MADE UNDER AN AGREEMENT: 16. If 6 or fewer payments are made under an agreement the interest rate will be 3% p.a. This rate will apply both to the individual payments and to the certificate value.

REPAYMENT: 17. The only permissible uses of interest are: (a) whole certificates together with accrued interest, (b) all the payments so far made.

REPAYMENT: 18. Repayment will be made on application in writing to the Yearly Plan Section. The repayment warrant will normally be put in the post within 14 working days of receiving an application, but repayment within this period cannot be guaranteed and it is advisable to apply as far in advance as possible. Repayment will be made by credited warrant. For the purposes of this prospectus, the date of repayment shall be deemed to be the date of the warrant.

NO REPAYMENT: 19. No repayment will be made in respect of an agreement or Yearly Plan certificate held by a holder under the age of seven years, except with the consent of the Director of Savings.

EXTENSION TERMS: 20. From the 4th anniversary of the certificate date, and until 3 months notice has been given otherwise, interest will continue to accrue: (a) on certificates for which at least 7 payments have been made, at the variable extension rate applicable to other extended National Savings Certificates, (b) on certificates on which interest is payable at the rate of 3% p.a. until the 4th anniversary of the certificate date, at a rate of 3% p.a.

CHANGES TO THE PROSPECTUS: 21. The Treasury may on giving notice withdraw the option, mentioned in paragraph 10 of this prospectus, in respect of existing and future agreements. This will not prevent an agreement (without an option) being made where an offer letter has been sent to the applicant.

22. The Treasury may on giving notice: (a) change the amounts specified in paragraph 9; (b) change the minimum number of payments specified in paragraph 10; (c) change the number of payments specified in paragraphs 15 and 16 which determine the basis on which interest will be earned; (d) lay down, alter or terminate the extension terms under paragraph 20; but notice as to effect of offers already made before the date specified in the notice or agreement is in force.

23. The Treasury will give any notice required under paragraphs 21 and 22 to the London, Edinburgh and Belfast Gazettes or in any manner which they think fit. If notice is given otherwise than in the Gazettes, it will as soon as is reasonably possible thereafter be recorded in them.

Handwritten signature: *John Smith*

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Minister howled down by extremists angry over Pretoria's reforms

From Ray Kennedy, Johannesburg

Pretoria's roadshow to sell its new black urbanization policy to its supporters and prepare them for possibly more far-reaching reform proposals has got off to an inauspicious start. Mr Louis Nel, the Deputy Minister of Information, was howled off the platform by right-wingers at a public meeting.

The new Bureau of Information, which falls under Mr Nel's ministry, has been charged with organizing an intensive education and information programme about the urbanization strategy throughout the country.

But at Britis, a right-wing stronghold about 30 miles east of Pretoria, Mr Nel abandoned his attempt to address a National Party rally on Thursday night after trying for an hour to make himself heard. "This is the ugly face of Afrikaner-white radicalism at its worst," he said. "This rude crowd has not just come from the Brits district, it has been canvassed from all over the Transvaal."

Policeman stabbed in Soweto rampage

Johannesburg—A black police sergeant was stabbed to death as mobs of youths went on a rampage in the black township of Soweto near here yesterday (Ray Kennedy writes).

Other youths hijacked private cars and forced taxi drivers to take them to the court where they were faced by a barrier of mounted police. Church ministers, members of the public and reporters were turned away from the court.

Marilyn race protest

Johannesburg (AFP)—A Marilyn Monroe look-alike competition organized by a South African supermarket chain has been cancelled because of complaints from black politicians that it discriminated against blacks.

Violence flared again in Alexandra, on Johannesburg's northern border, where at least three people were killed in unrest earlier this week. Police said a youth was slightly injured when he was hit by a tear gas cannister.

Manila press men killed in ambush

From Keith Dalton, Manila

A senior Reuter photographer, a provincial journalist and eight soldiers died in a roadside ambush by communist rebels in the northern Philippines. Mr Juan Ponce Enrique, the Defence Minister, said yesterday.



Mr Willie Vicoy, the photographer who died in an ambush in the Philippines, on assignment during the Vietnam war.

Mr Enrique said the two newsmen died in a "brazen and treacherous" ambush along the national highway in Cagayan province, 220 miles north of Manila, after 10 rebels, dressed in army-like fatigues, flagged down the two Jeeps in which the victims were riding.

Reagan offers help to Aquino

Washington—President Reagan yesterday telephoned President Corason Aquino of the Philippines, offering United States assistance in meeting the challenges that lie before her Government.

Mr Aquino, aged 45, the father of six children, spent five years covering the Vietnam conflict as a staffman for United Press International. His family did not want him to go off to war, so he told them he was covering a routine assignment.

Cameraman haunted by Vietnam war work

Manila (Reuter)—Willie Vicoy, the Reuter photographer who died yesterday, was still suffering nightmares about his work in Vietnam 10 years after the war ended.

One of his nightmare pictures—a Vietnamese woman holding the blood-spattered body of a baby in her arms—brought him a prized journalistic coup in Manila, 1975.



Church-state summit eases way for Pope's Polish visit

General Jaruzelski and Cardinal Glemp have held the first Polish church-state summit in almost a year to prepare the way for the Pope's next pilgrimage to his homeland.

Soviet reprimands show problems facing oil industry

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

New evidence of the severe troubles facing the giant Soviet oil industry emerged yesterday with a report in Pravda that the Communist Party had severely reprimanded two senior government officials for shoddy work in the key oil-refining sector.

Zimbabwe to seek foreign investment

Harare (AP)—The Zimbabwe Prime Minister, Mr Robert Mugabe, announced yesterday that his Socialist government is preparing its first guidelines for prospective investors since independence in 1980.

Glasses clue in Palme murder hunt

Stockholm (Reuter)—The Swedish police disclosed that they had found a pair of spectacles near the spot where the former Prime Minister, Mr Olof Palme, was murdered.

Oslo intervenes to end its offshore dispute

From Tony Samstag, Oslo

The Norwegian Government yesterday intervened and ended the dispute that had shut down the country's oil and gas production for the past 19 days.

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Grenada coup described

St George's, Grenada (Reuter)—The court trying 18 people accused of murdering Maurice Bishop, Grenada's Prime Minister, yesterday heard the first eyewitness account of the coup which triggered a US-led invasion.

Deadlock over war memorial

West Germany's problems in coming to terms with the Nazi past surfaced in the Bonn Parliament yesterday when MPs failed to decide for or against a national war memorial.

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SPORTS DIARY Simon Barnes

Rigging the Cup

Saturation media coverage of the America's Cup threatens to be one of the great bores of our time. Yacht racing is not an all-action television sport.

IMG, the megabuck sporting agency headed by Mark McCormack, bought the rights to the America's Cup from the Royal Perth Yacht Club.

But now a company called Derrick Offshore Limited is planning to sail a brand new, specially converted oil rig to the site of the America's Cup races.

Six appeal

Last summer, lest we forget, God was in his Heaven. All was right with the world. England was thumping Australia and Ian Botham was hitting every ball that came his way for six.

My achievement in tipping the winner of the Grand National will never be forgotten, at least not by me.

Dilly Daley

A South African radio station came up with a world scoop recently when it announced that Bloemfontein-born (and raised, and educated) Zola Budd was engaged to be married — to Daley Thompson.

Net profit

This being the age of voluntary net practice it is nice to see the Australian cricket captain Allan Border storming into England to join Essex.

Advertisement for Barry Fantoni's AL'S BAR featuring a cartoon illustration of a man and a woman.

Kenneth Minogue on the long reach of Liberation Theology At God's left hand

Neil Kinnock and Pope John Paul II have recently been facing the same problem: how to deal with the Trojan Horse of Marxism.



Pope John Paul II and Derek Hatton addressing the Labour Party: two faces of the same dilemma

There is certainly no mystery about Marx's view of religion. "I hate all gods", was the Promethean remark he used as the epigraph to his doctoral dissertation.

Marx thought he had good intellectual reasons for this position. He inherited a philosophical tradition, dating back to the ancient Greeks, according to which religion was a set of myths necessary for keeping unruly men in mortal fear of the invisible policeman of conscience.

The real point of the attack on religion, however, lies in a simple fact about the technology of revolution. Any revolution must spring from the discontent of workers and peasants.

It is easy enough to see how a collection of revolutionary Marxists, sheltering under the popular trademark of Labour, might plausibly pass themselves off as merely realistic supporters of the socialist programme of Keir Hardie and Nye Bevan.

One link arises from the fact that priests working amid the suffering of Latin America might well identify Christ's poor with Marx's proletariat, of whom he said that "no particular wrong but wrong generally is perpetrated against it".

A less obvious reason why Christianity might slide into Marxism is to be found in the fact that religion has lately been invaded by science and philosophy.

Bryan Appleyard looks at the marketing onslaught that has hit small bookshops

Fighting off the Burtons of the bookshelves

command the highest discounts. They carry large stocks — £60 worth per square foot of selling space — and, in general, they are as highbrow as the best of the independents.

And they are moving very quickly. Waterstone's, which only came into existence at the end of 1982, had 10 shops by the end of last year and is opening another eight this year.

In addition, W H Smith is rationalizing its Bowes & Webster subsidiary by renaming all the 37 shops in the company Sherratt and Hughes.

But meanwhile that leaves the independents, increasingly pessimistic about the loyalty of their clientele and unable to do anything about their already slim profit margins. "I'm sad to say," lamensis Phil Cullen, general manager of Sherratt and Hughes, "that many of them will be forced out of business." These are not crocodile tears. Cullen is about to retire and delights in browsing through independent bookshops.

Tim Waterstone, chairman of Waterstone's, takes the rather more robust view that book-selling was always a profitable business — witness the consistency of W H Smith's figures — and it was only the inefficiency of small operators which had given the business a bad name for low margins and poor returns.

without sacrificing the understandable preoccupation with the social question that led them astray in the first place.

Concessions are made. An extreme case is recognized in which recourse to armed struggle might be justifiable, but the overwhelming insistence is upon the futility of violence and the necessity of "morally licit" means.

For all the lucidity of the argument, however, there is at least one idea which creates a fog in the text every time it (frequently) appears. This is the idea of justice: it is taken for granted throughout that we all know what is, and is not, just.

Justice in Latin America, where injustice will be effortlessly identified with the famous disparities of wealth in that continent. This might seem to make it unnecessary to consider such fundamental questions as whether the term "justice" refers to a process (such as whatever happens in accordance with rules of law) or whether it describes an outcome (such as a fact of inequality).

Avoiding these hard questions — which are by no means irrelevant to the present and future condition of Latin American economies — is typical of what the economist Peter Bauer has criticized as the confusions of "ecclesiastical economics".

Still, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith has at least clarified the central point, namely, that in concentrating its energies on social change, the Church is in danger of sinking to the level of political partisanship, and losing its own soul.

As the world is now rather overstocked with clerics who, having (it would seem) little of interest to say on spiritual matters, seek out attention with vacuous uplift on economic or social topics, one may hope that these clarifications might extend beyond the Roman Catholic Church.

The anti-Christian character of this doctrine can partly be brought out by juxtaposing it against the Christian injunction to love one's enemies. Conversion is a better aim than liquidation.

The political point of papal documents, however, is less to win arguments than to reaffirm the Christian position in such a way as to build a bridge by which the straying theologians of liberation can return to the Christian fold.

Woodrow Wyatt And if the eagle should fly?

Isolationism in the US is not confined to the Midwest. There was general anger in America at the lack of support from Europe for the Libyan raid, and fury against the French and Italians for refusing overflying rights.

Europeans, particularly in Britain, tend to think that we are doing the US a favour when we allow her to defend us with her forces and bases in Europe.

It is sentiment more than necessity that impels the US to defend us. If there was a war between Russia and the West a fortress America would be in no greater danger of nuclear destruction than it is at present.

A Western Europe without America would either have to step up its defence spending enormously or accept the inevitable.

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Unlike the minister the IEA is unafraid to face the logic of its premises. Trade unions exist to stop labour being supplied. They should be declared illegal combinations. That conclusion leads straight to repeal of the 1966 Trades Disputes Act and the end of protection for unions in civil suits for economic allegations.

Perhaps he is an historicist who thinks the inevitability of history will take care of the problem. Trade unions are, he argued in the Stockton Lecture, in terminal decline. The proportion of the labour force in unions has fallen from nearly 60 per cent in 1979 to just over 50 per cent in 1984.

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It is untenable. The decline of union membership is neither inevitable nor fast. The electronics leader Eric Hammond, for all the benignity of his visage, exists to do to employers no more nor less than harm them if the collective interests of his members are not served. He is as unacceptable in terms of market economics as Arthur Scargill. Meanwhile there is evidence that unit labour costs the subject of much ministerial hand-wringing are indeed affected indirectly by the extent of unionization (where unionized sectors prevent a reduction in real wages). The government believes there is, at some level, a connection between legislation to deprive unions and macro-economic improvement.

But perhaps Lord Young is scared. The fear is that expressed by his adjutant, Kenneth Clarke, that there is in British public opinion a gauge of the right balance between "both sides of industry" — in other words — a conviction that capital and labour have competing interests. Clarke has insisted that public opinion considers the balance now to be about right, with some danger of its favouring swinging against the employer.

A good and bloody public service strike might alter the balance for the moment the politics of union-busting are difficult. That must be Lord Young's judgement. What Right To Strike? IEA, 2 Lord North Street, London SW1P 3LB. £2.

David Walker Old unions don't just fade away

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David Walker Old unions don't just fade away

The Secretary of State for Employment's Stockton Lecture the other night was dishonest in the way politicians usually are on subjects deemed sensitive or electorally disquieting.

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VIVA EL REY

For any leading Spaniard to have spoken about Gibraltar within the precincts of the Palace of Westminster a decade ago would have been tantamount to a declaration of diplomatic war.

It did not cloud what must by any standards be regarded as a highly successful state visit, the first of its kind for more than 80 years.

British trade with Spain rose by 20 per cent last year (even before Spain joined the European Community) to a total volume (in and out) of £3.4 billion.

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Tourism too should rise again this Summer. In 1985 the

number of British holiday-makers going to Spain fell from its 1984 figure of six million to five million—a drop which has been attributed more to the effect of the miners' strike and the fallen value of the pound than to any fears about street crime on the Costa Brava.

The physical impact of British holidaymakers on Spanish resorts may not always be in the best interests of international relations. But the annual flow has probably made young people in this country more familiar with Spain than with any other European country.

It would be foolish to dismiss the Gibraltar issue as one which can be put to one side following the 1984 Brussels agreement.

The speech in which he urged both governments to "stand the test of history" and come up with a "formula" was probably written not by the monarch but by the Spanish prime minister Senor Felipe Gonzalez.

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But the issue is there, as solid and immovable as the Rock itself, and will remain so unless and until the right "formula" can be found.

There are also difficulties of smaller scale over the status to be accorded Spanish passengers using Gibraltar airfield, and the overflying rights for RAF aircraft using the Rock.

The reopening of the border between Gibraltar and Spain early last year was a significant advance. By the end of last December some six million people had taken advantage of the new opportunity to cross from one side to the other without interference.

Without the border reopening, it would have been difficult to envisage a state visit like that which came to an end yesterday.

The king has capitalised upon this situation, and now returns to Madrid with his reputation enhanced. He has already shown himself in Spain to be a man for his time—and in Britain he confirmed the impression

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Terrorism in the Libyan context

From Vice-Admiral Sir Ian McGeoch Sir, Terrorism, as a means of exerting political pressure, whether domestic or inter-state, is a threat to all civilised peoples.

Your leading article of April 18, "The case for the raid", would therefore have carried more weight had you argued that whereas the use of military power against terrorists cannot be excluded, provided statesmen "restrict military action to clearly defined military targets", it is far more likely to achieve the aim when used to support the civil power rather than to supplant it.

From Mrs Marguerite V. H. Minster Sir, I find it disquieting to read in your leading article today (April 18) that The Times, finding itself in disagreement with the majority of its readers over the wisdom and moral defensibility of the Libyan raid, now sees the need "seriously" to address the concerns of its readers "if it is to have any hope of influencing them".

From Mr Richard Terrell Sir, Most of the correspondence in your columns about the American raid has turned upon something called "terrorism" which people are anxious to prevent.

Airport security From Mrs Carol Cox Sir, As a frequent traveller, I am concerned about our security. I have had a body search several times, but at no time have I been asked if I was wearing a wig (I was) or had my hair flat.

Musical excellence

From Sir Ian Hunter Sir, I applaud Bernard Levin's article (April 1) calling for excellence in the training of musicians, but I question the support of one college to achieve that excellence.

Hospital transfers

From the Joint Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Department of Health and Social Security Sir, Your report (April 16) "Handicap traffic criticized" by your Science Correspondent, failed to make clear the narrow scope of the study, Hospital Closures in the Eighties, from which it was drawn, and gave the misleading impression that 70 per cent of all people who leave mental handicap hospitals go to other health service hospitals.

Falklands fishing

From Lord Morris and others Sir, Following the events of 1982 there is today much fresh development and a new future for the Falkland Islands under steadfast British sovereignty, frequently reinforced by ministers and the Prime Minister herself.

Gleam of hope in rhino decline

From Mr Maurice Coreth Sir, Jan Raah's timely article, "The fight to save a giant" (April 14), overlooked the one real gleam of hope on the rhino's bleak horizon.

Fifteen years ago Mr Courtland Parfit built a private rhino sanctuary on his ranch at Solio in northern Kenya, where the rhino population has declined from around 19,000 in 1970 to about 425 today.

This spectacular success inspired the Kenya Wildlife Department's black rhino management plan which is now being implemented in the national parks at Nakuru, Tsavo and the Aberdare Salient.

Work has started at Nakuru, where the 144 sq km park will be encompassed by an electrified fence to keep the rhino in (and the poachers out). The fence will incorporate unobtrusive guard posts and alarms activated by tampering.

This scheme is seen as Africa's blueprint for the rhino's reprieve from extinction. All is not yet lost, but time is no longer on the great mammal's side.

Campus closures

From the Principal and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Stirling Sir, Your Education Correspondent (report, April 19) understands that the University Grants Committee "thinks that three or four universities would have to go" if the university system continues to suffer severe annual cash cuts in real terms.

The University is confident that there is no fair assessment of the quality of its teaching and of its research which would put it at or near to the bottom of any quality league table.

Horowitz in Moscow From Mr J. R. Barton Sir, The television cameras on Sunday hovered for a moment on a Russian man as a tear rolled down his face whilst listening to Horowitz play Schumann.

Royal 'rules'

From Lord Norwich Sir, Queen Elizabeth I may have been disappointed if the general proliferation of her portraits—although the Order in Council quoted by Mr Denvir today (April 23) makes no specific mention of their reproduction on clothing.

ON THIS DAY

APRIL 26 1920

There is an air of unreality about this news article. It is difficult to imagine any secretary of Lenin's including in such a symbolic life-style, and Zinoviev was certainly not "beaten by workers" to death. He died in 1926. Our Special Correspondent was Captain G. A. Scott, who has served as the paper's assistant correspondent in St Petersburg for a short period.

IN RED RUSSIA DISEASE, FAMINE AND LUXURY

(From Our Special Correspondent) Some 300 British refugees from Red Russia reached Southampton on Saturday by the P. & O. steamer Douglas.

The experiences of these people are very much the same. Many of them spent long months in prison, no reason being given for their arrest beyond the one that they were British subjects.

THE DANGER OF PLAGUE

Moscow is one great cesspool of disease, corruption, and iniquity, said a cultured and refined English lady to me at Mitcham, whither she and other refugees were taken.

What will happen when the great host breaks its too terrible for human conception! Cholera, typhus, and leprosy already rage in Petrograd, Moscow, and all the larger cities. The canals are all polluted, and the open spaces outside the towns, where countless bodies have been cast into the snow all through the winter, are breaking into terrible life under the sun.

The newly-arrived refugees without exception state that to the best of their knowledge Commissar Zinoviev of Petrograd is dead. Like Sverdloff, of Moscow, he was beaten by workmen and died in hospital of the effects of his beating some weeks later.

A NOTE ON CANNIBALISM

Many of the refugees hinted at the existence of cannibalism, but not one of them could testify to its existence as a fact. I personally can do so. When I was a prisoner in Moscow Gao last year a Russian prison-friend of mine, whose name I cannot give, as he is still in my probability a prisoner, came to my cell and showed me his bowl of unpalatable prison-soup. He was in the middle of the horrible concoction floated a human finger. It is well that the public should know the facts.

A RED EXQUISITE

An interesting story was related which will give people some idea of the luxury enjoyed by the actual leaders of the Soviet Government.

The hospital at Tamboff in 1919 was crowded with Red Army men, many of them suffering from the local sick with typhus, and the local peasantry voluntarily contributed 50,000 pounds of flour for the patients. A doctor was sent from Moscow to Tamboff to work in the hospital.

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The outline agreement reached by EEC agriculture ministers in Luxembourg yesterday has been described by Britain's own minister Mr Michael Jopling, as a "major step forward".

The two stated objectives were to come up with a formula which would help deal with the Community's bizarre burden of steadily mounting food stocks, and secondly to ensure that the penalties involved in reforming the CAP were fairly distributed.

That it is not nearly draconian enough is immediately apparent. The price freeze on beef and the three per cent cut in milk quotas both fall below what is required.

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On reading of the death of Dan Archer in Thursday's edition of "The Archers", the attentive newspaper reader will have wondered whether he perished from eating too much sugar.

Of course, if sugar is not guilty of killing off this well-beloved character, there is no lack of other candidates. Coffee and tea (or anything containing caffeine), white bread, fatty meat (lean meat too), food that contains preservatives, food that doesn't and has therefore probably rotted, alcohol (naturally), butter, cream, anything fried, and almost every other food product has been found by some researcher or other to cause most of the diseases going.

A good rule of thumb, based upon this long record of research, is that food causes cancer. It is unlikely that Dan Archer survived all those years without occasionally succumbing to temptation and eating the odd sandwich made

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nian enough is immediately apparent. The price freeze on beef and the three per cent cut in milk quotas both fall below what is required. A five per cent cut in milk quotas, for example, would have been more appropriate. As for cereals, the measures taken in respect of grain will mean, when all factors have been taken into account, an effective six per cent cut in prices in this country and in France—and rather more than that in West Germany and the Netherlands.

It is worth once more pointing out on their behalf that in the United States the quantity of stored grain now stands at 80m tons and it is expected to double by the end of this year.

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with deadly white bread. The fine print in research papers would allay much anxiety on the part of consumers if it were generally read. It confides such truths as that the rats which developed cancer did so only after consuming the equivalent of 160 cups of coffee each day or subsisting exclusively on a diet of potato crisps (prawn cocktail flavour). These are feats unlikely to be widely imitated in the Home Counties.

Not only are rats less able to object effectively to a particular diet, but the same food (even in similar amounts) may well have a different effect on human beings. That problem would be overcome if the American proposal were adopted and future experiments of this kind performed on lawyers. Those who advocate this change point out that there is a shortage of rats compared to the surplus of lawyers and that researchers, who sometimes

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the industry supports only a tenth of Europe's population. This latest package comes, moreover, after cuts of 3½ and 4 per cent in farm prices in the last two years. While the full extent of the current measures still needs to be assessed, they suggest that Europe is at least now heading in the right direction.

The overall judgement on yesterday's agreement, which has still to be worked out in detail and finalised next month, must therefore be that while it remains a compromise when compromise is insufficient, it also marks a further painful advance along the way to ending some of the EEC's more absurd anomalies.

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develop a fondness for their laboratory rats, are unlikely to fall victim to such a weakness for a prominent QC. Short of such drastic reform, the gourmet is advised to treat reports of new food scares with a light heart. His health is more likely to be suffer from an attack of cancerphobia than from eating what he likes. The trick is to like everything. In that way a balanced diet will arrive in the stomach more or less of its own accord.

That leaves the problem of Drink. We would merely point out, with G.K. Chesterton, that alcohol is, after all, a natural food: You will find me drinking rum Like a sailor in a shum You will find me drinking beer like a Bavarian. You will find me making merry On the cheapest kind of sherry Because I am a rigid vegetarian.

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SATURDAY

A weekly guide to leisure, entertainment and the arts

The day of the left-handed lion



Today jubilant tribesmen in the tiny state of Swaziland are celebrating the coronation of their new boy king. The rituals have been shrouded in a special African brand of secrecy: visitors have been welcome but the locals have brooked no outside interference. Nicholas Shakespeare was among the bemused guests in the warriors' kraal

Warriors with high shields and red feathers in their hair stand by the roadside thumbing a lift to the royal kraal of Luseleni, some miles down the valley beyond the twin peaks of Sheba's Breasts. Here among the thatched mud huts, like the tribal regiments have been assembling for days. The hut floors may be polished with dung, but they are trod by the real powers of the land. This is the place — a kind of thatched house of Lords — where the major decisions are made and which forms the site of the coronation of Swaziland's king.

Among the crowd converging on the kraal are groups of chanting women. Wrapped in orange and red cloth, blowing whistles and holding the torches by which they cut their wheat at night, they sing new words to an old tune. "We are waiting around to see the King," they chant, rattling small sachets of dried seeds about their ankles. "We're going to the waiting to see the king." The air is heavy with the smell of uncurd hide.

In a warriors' kraal outside the royal enclosure, is a man in a leopard-skin loincloth with five red feathers in his hair and four wives in another town. Only virgins are allowed through the low entrance. Outside his hut monkey tails are stretched on stakes to make his necklaces and belts.

His name is Masodzo, he says, pressing his tongue against his lower teeth. Yes, he is an Elder. Sobhuza was his uncle. As for the new king's prospects, "the world is moving very fast," he says, stroking his monkey tails. "It is difficult to know if he will have the mind of the late King."

Fifteen miles away, at the top of a lush valley of tall grass fields bordered by the mountains is the Swazi capital, Mbabane. Despite a proliferation of flags, it is strangely placid, like a subtropical market town.

At the British High Commissioner's residence, at

the end of a red track overlooking the capital, two Range Rovers are washed again for the arrival of Prince and Princess Michael of Kent (the Rastafarians worshipped the late Duke of Gloucester for attending the 1930 ceremony. Perhaps the Swazis will forever bow at the mention of Princess Michael. Indeed she is already known as the English Princess St Michael of Kent.)

Every day a Captain Watts, seconded from Kneller Hall, the Army School of Music, has been training a band to play the national anthem composed by David Rycroft of



Royal factions flourished in the vacuum

London University. In the downstairs bar of The Tavern, incongruously half-timbered in the style of Berni Inn Tudor, some black girls drink pint mugs of lager and watch two-day old ITN news bulletins and a BBC dramatization of Oscar Wilde.

Swaziland has long been a haven for South Africans who wish to gamble and sleep with black women. A girl called Winny tells me she is a virgin. She has just broken up with her boyfriend of two years. Lowering her head to my ear she tells me she wants a man she can trust "one hundred per cent".

In the corner a customer slouches in a Coronation t-shirt and winks. Then adjusting his green cap, he tapers up to pinch a cigarette. "I'm sorry," he says thickly, "That's bad behaviour for a

member of the royal family." He is a Dlamini, he says, and yet another prince. Everybody seems to be related to royalty in this tiny country. I left him to Winny, who did not seem too pleased.

Early last century the Swazi King Sobhuza I, better known as Somhlo, wonder of wonders, had a dream. In it he dreamed of a white people entering his kingdom on houses dragged by oxen. When the whites arrived in the 1840s the interpretation of his vision was that they must never be fought.

"When you play a piano, harmony arises from a mixture of black and white keys", said his namesake, Sobhuza II, the last Swazi king, who continued to keep his beautiful, peace-loving country a multi-racial community. "We have seen others swallowed by crocodiles. We have learnt from their lessons."

For most of the 20th century Swaziland dozed quietly, shaped like a distended egg between Marxist Mozambique and apartheid South Africa. It woke with a great snort in 1982 on the death of its patriarch, whose rule since 1921 made him the longest reigning monarch in the world. For a country, like Gulliver, so bound to the ground by traditions, it was a difficult awakening.

The key question was who should succeed Sobhuza. Tradition holds that the heir must be a left-handed minor without a full brother. Of Sobhuza's 60 sons, from an estimated 112 wives (one figure puts his total number of children at 600) the choice fell on 14-year-old Prince Makhosetive.

Accordingly the youth was dispatched to Sherborne public school in Dorset, where he is affectionately known as Mac. It has been suggested that he was sent not only to get some O levels but also for his own protection. Two years ago a witch doctor was arrested in Dorset allegedly carrying "unauthorized substances" for his poisoning.

In the vacuum left by Sobhuza, royal factions flourished. With the connivance of a 6ft footballing prince called Mfanasibili, the Queen Regent was replaced in 1982 by



There was an absurd air of secrecy

Makhosetive's mother. Then Prince Mfanasibili himself was put on trial, charged with corruption. It is speculated that Makhosetive's coronation has been put forward to legitimize the power of the dual monarchy which he will share with his mother Queen Ntombi, as of yesterday the Great She Elephant.

Mbabane, though surprised by western interest, is agreeably immune to it. The Swazis, a cheerful, self-confident people, are installing their king. Visitors are welcome so long as they do not interfere.

It was not just our own small contingent who had materialized in Swaziland. The world's journalists had descended, hungry for hard and exotic information. Yet as with much of Swaziland's power, the facts lay behind the kraal doors of the Elders (who only become known when they fall from favour). In a land where tradition is married to modernity and is very much the dominant partner, it is they who decide the course of events and any information to be released.

"Elders see a virtue in postponing any decision until the last moment", said a European diplomat. "It depends on how the spirits take them." This week the spirits are keeping their distance.



Spoiled for choice: Crown Prince Makhosetive at the reed dance; 10,000 barebreasted virgins competed to be his bride

Having several months ago issued the coronation date as April 25, officials were recently ordered not to say anything about it, or about the late King, or even about the Prince. Nor do invitations — dress tribal or lounge suit — give any time.

Such is the absurd air of secrecy that we are forced to chew over some of the facts we do have: at the last coronation in 1921 Sobhuza wore an ivory codpiece; today's Crown Prince chose his first wife, Poppy, from a reed dance two years ago by video-taping the 10,000 barebreasted virgins and taking the tape back to Sherborne. In one of the ceremonies performed by the prince during his last summer holidays he had to kill a lion. Unfortunately, lions are extinct in Swaziland so one had to be imported from South Africa. The courtiers were so concerned for the prince's safety that they dragged the beast and only then did he nobly slay it.

The local papers yield little more information. "Booze ban" is the headline of one, beneath which is carried the Prime Minister's decision to lock up anyone found drunk. The only other news is a

decision by the goalkeeper of the Dribbling Wizards to remain in the team. "I couldn't leave the Wizards without the blessing of Prince Mfanasibili", he said of his incarcerated patron.

Promise to an end of speculation came with an announcement of a press briefing. This was held in a large hall behind the Royal Swazi Hotel — and Casino — which had been designated for foreign dignitaries like P.W. Botha and Maureen Reagan, daughter of Ronald.

The 400 journalists were asked to begin proceedings by standing up and praying. We were then addressed by the chief of protocol, Mr Dube, a small man in a brown suit. "I'm very tired," he began, and then asked us to imagine the chief of protocol as the shock absorber in a car. The difficulties of satisfying the press requirements of the modern world were plainly telling.

He told us we could not grab an elder or go into the royal kraal. "The Swazis are policemen", he said, attempting another metaphor. "When you hide in my house, tomorrow I take you to the policeman." He warned us not

to be deceived by appearances. "The richest man in the land has a metre of cloth round his waist and lives in a hut surrounded by 1,000 cattle. He is richer than you are", he added, his voice rising. "He can employ you."

The assembled journalists, however, were more interested in information than employment. Any information at all. Who was coming? What was happening? When? Where? But the briefing ended inconclusively with another prayer.



The facts lay behind the kraal doors

In the dark outside, I caught sight of Sir John Curle. Our former ambassador to Liberia, he had been advising the Swazis for two months on protocol. "It'll be all right on the night", he promised confidently. As he scratched his blue polo-neck I could all but detect a Cheshire cat smile as the way the Swazis had so charmingly sidestepped "the galaxy of the international community", as the press had been so flatteringly described within. In this way privacy and dignity were being preserved.

In the event, no one was allowed to witness the private rituals on Thursday night and early Friday morning at which Makhosetive assumed his mantle as Lion of the Swazis. Connected with the phases of the moon, and involving herbal distillations and impromptu incantations, Makhosetive was bathed in secret fluids and in the afternoon presented to his feathered regiments.

Today at the Somhlo stadium, clad in spear and shield, he will dance with his people to the tune of special coronation music (soon to be released on an EMI label). Tomorrow he will invite his whole nation to a garden party. Then it's back to Sherborne for his O-levels.

Dlamini's turbulent dynasty

The king is the embodiment of the Swazi nation. (He also has 34 telephone numbers.) One of only three ruling royal families in Africa — the others are those of Morocco and Lesotho — the House of Nkosi-Dlamini can, orally at least, trace its way back to Dlamini I, who in the late 16th century led his followers from the north-west to settle along the Komati River.



The late King Sobhuza II, with battleaxe, in 1923

The history of the royal family is spangled with rich characters. King Ndvungunge, struck by lightning; Ndvungunge, clubbed to death for poisoning the seven-year-old heir (poisoning and witchcraft being very much part of Dlamini tradition); Maswati II's fifth wife, known as "Medvolamafina" — "Short Thighs" in Siswati, the national language.

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Back on song: Elaine Page on how Chess lured her to the West End, page 18

Table with 3 columns: Arts Diary, Galleries, TV Films. Lists various events and their times.



He's earned your respect. (But how much is that worth?)

Following his war-time duties as an ARP Warden, Charles Erskine has continued to fight for others. In his work for charity and as a missionary he's battled unflinchingly with little financial reward. That's why, when he received a number of unexpectedly severe bills, Charles was faced with the prospect of having to sell the one possession he holds dear — his home.

Form for RUKBA (The Royal United Kingdom Beneficent Association) with fields for Name, Address, and a donation box.

Advertisement for Sholley vacuum cleaners and Comfyneel carpet sweeper. Includes 'FREE DELIVERY OFFER!', 'BUY THE SHOLLEY NOW & SAVE £350', and 'THE SENSATIONAL DELUXE COMFYNEEL'.

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TRAVEL

Amid the silent pine and birch forests sliced by vast shimmering lakes, Hilary Finch changes from a tourist to a traveller

From the heart to the Finnish

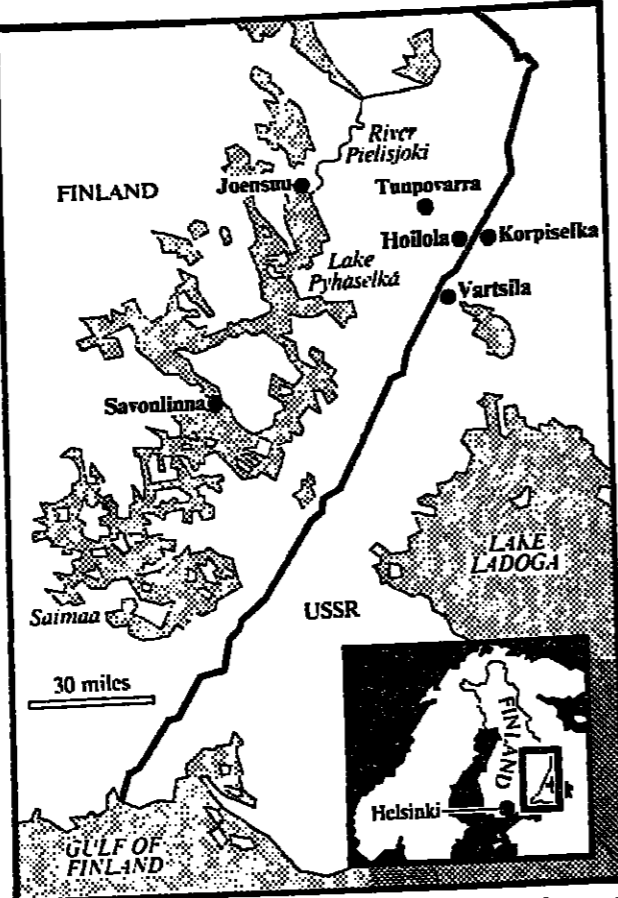
Is Finland a sea congested with islands, or is it one huge forest sunk with lakes? Ten minutes before landing in the heart of North Karelia, the question, and any possible answer, is not a little disconcerting. The dense pine and birch forests yield grudgingly to a sliver of a runway, inches away, it seems, from the next watery expanse, and the plane has landed.

Joensuu must be the tiniest airport in the western world: beyond the shed which serves as a cafe, baggage reclaim and ticket office, lies a sturdy lumberjack of a town, less glamorous than its festive neighbour, Savonlinna, but a perfect centre for exploring the land of the Kalevala, Finland's great folk story epic, and the spiritual and cultural heart of the country.

North Karelia in general, and Joensuu in particular, is just the sort of place to make the tourist feel like a traveller once again.

Nothing, except the irresistible flat, spicy pasties, filled with hot potato purée, is handed to you on a plate. The signposts in this land, developed on the very periphery of European political, trading and cultural influences, are all but unrecognisable.

The language, stubbornly independent from the familiar European, Scandinavian or Slav root systems, seems to bear no resemblance to anything you've ever seen before. Does the road lead to a castle, a lake or a public convenience? There's only one way of finding out. And when you do, it's all there: museums full of icons, tiny wooden art galleries, boat trips, canoeing, hiking, fishing. You do the



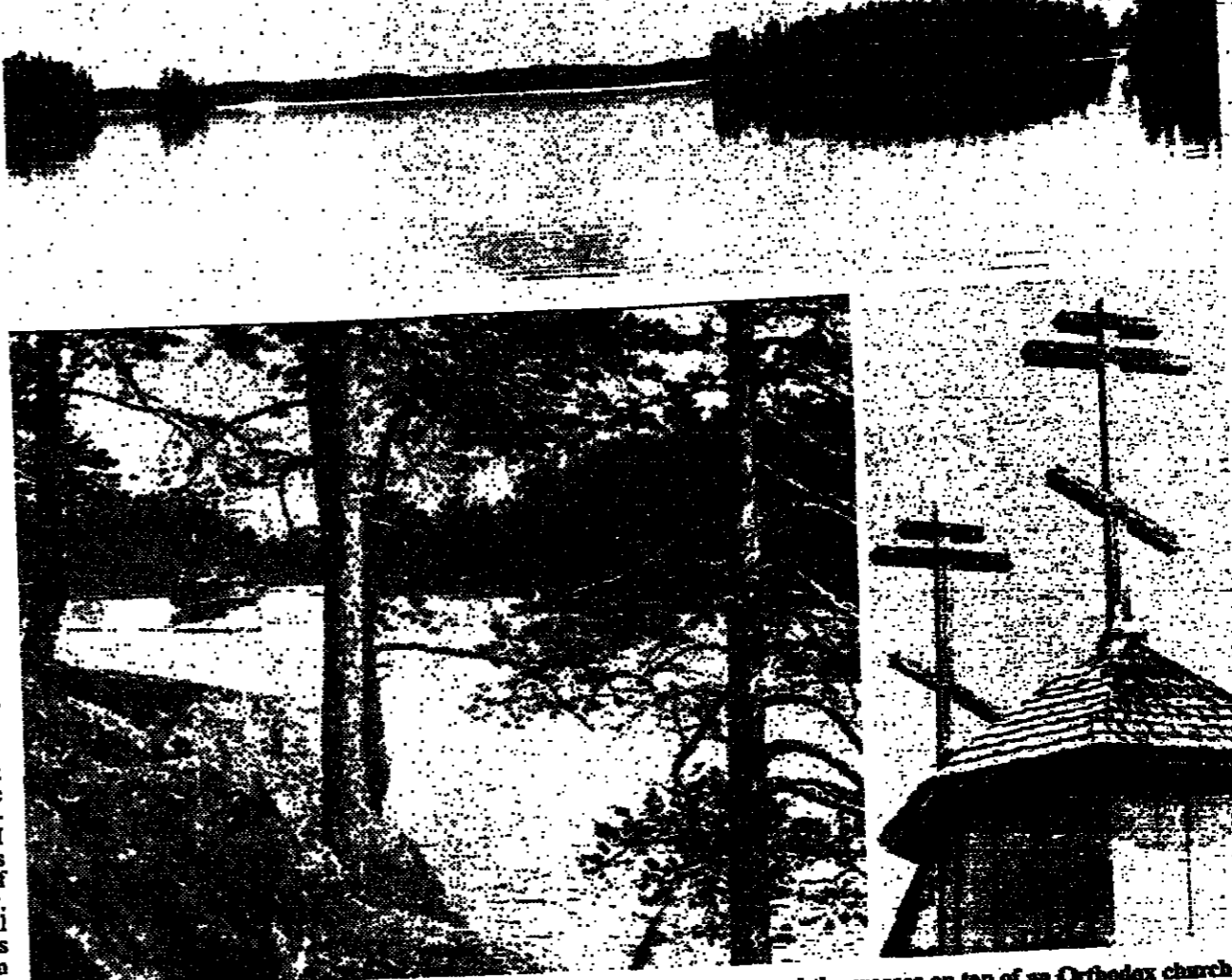
discovering, and every transport connection and service seems to click into place so well. Joensuu presents its curriculum vitae at a glance. A young, virile trading town founded in 1845 where the estuary of the log-thick river Pielisjoki opens out into Lake Pyhaselkä, it is still quietly industrious. Markets, sawmills and steamers bustle on the perimeter of a tidy, sedate residential and university town, planned neatly along the axes of its

houses of the 19th century line up on the right.

Where the estuary curves into the lake shore and the damp air of the marshy birch woods is heavy with the scent of wild lily of the valley, the Vainoniemi Villa stands like a stage-set for a Chekhov play. A little further on is a massive new open-air stadium, for Joensuu, like any sizeable Finnish town, celebrates the long light days of its short summer with festivals of music, song and street theatre. Joensuu is at the crossroads of three mapped routes: The Blue Way, the Finnish Lakeland Way, and the Bard and Border Way. With a car, or on one of many planned coach trips, monasteries, lakes and rapids are just minutes away.

Stubbornly sticking out for the longest possible day and fewest possible fellow-travellers, I caught the 7.30am post-bus which trundled in and out of the Bard and Border country, flinging out bundles of mail and newspapers along its route. The Tuupovaara region has all the fascination of any frontier land: Orthodox shrines, cemeteries, old trenches and fortifications are scattered across sparsely populated, gently undulating expanses of forest, lake and agricultural land.

Tourism is still at its teething stage. At Hoilola (one shop, one church and a lake) a new centre of holiday flats, built in sweet-smelling wood, opened last June. Korpiselka, spottily clean and spacious, with a superb restaurant and crafts centre, was built to commemorate a hotel begun three months before the war, across the



Wood and water: the spirit of Finland glimpsed in the tree-lined lakes and the crosses on top of an Orthodox church

Russian border, then abandoned in 1939. The local residents, who have a strong sense of the historical significance of its renaissance on Finnish soil, are eager to do anything, explain anything for you. Old Karelian farmhouses are being renovated for accommodation and as lived-in museums of folk culture. The nearest you'll get to reindeer may well be the casserole pot, but for ornithologists, there is a bird sanctuary of great beauty at Lake Saäperi in

nearby Varsila and, for walkers, discreetly burgeoning centres of rest and hospitality in acres of space and silence. Jouko Ahti, who runs the Hoilola craft centre, will, for the equivalent of about five pounds, row you out in his fishing boat, Rajasusi (border wolf), to the Russian border, a silent, watery no man's land where Finns, tourists, and Russian sentries now gaze at each other through field-glasses across the still, flat water which now divides the land of Karelia.

TRAVEL NOTES

Finnair flights, London to Helsinki, from £167 return Super Apex to £500 return Executive Class. A Finnair Holiday Ticket, offering 15 days of unlimited air travel within Finland is available at £250. Prices at the new Korpiselka Holiday Centre at Hoilola, Tuupovaara, range from about £30 for a single unit to £35 for a double. Dinner in the restaurant from £6.50.

For general and regional information, brochures on farmhouses and self-catering holidays, and a list of operators offering inclusive holidays in Finland, contact the Finnish Tourist Board, 69 Haymarket, London SW1 (01-859 4048). The best modern edition of Kalevala is the translation of W. F. Kirby (Athlone Press £9.50 paperback). This year's Joensuu Song Festival will take place from June 12-15. For a full list of Finland festivals, write to the Tourist Board.

Seasoned reputations on the table

Take recommendations with a pinch of salt, advises Shona Crawford Poole

The embarrassingly bad is even trickier to write about than the sublime. Almost any caustic or intemperate comment will season eulogy sufficiently to banish the thought that it could be advertising, not criticism. A convincing paring is less easily brought off, and in the case of restaurants, why bother? People do not book tables at places they have never heard of. That, however, is just the point. The two worst meals I encountered on my recent travels were eaten in places with good reputations. I would not be alone, of course, in quarrelling with the judgement of the gastronomic guidebooks. But it is very disconcerting to be able to find not a single good word for a famous old restaurant that has three rosettes in the Michelin French edition of the Guide.

There had been no premonition of the disappointment ahead, except, perhaps, that it had been possible to book a table at L'Auberge du Père Bise at 24 hours' notice. Baby Doc was holed up a long way from Haiti in the hotel next door, on the lakeside at Anney, and a few lunch French policemen plodded along the shore carrying machine guns. In the dining room I counted four men who were recognizably assigned to the Baby Doc story. Door-stepping for hanging around waiting for people to move or speak is rarely in this inky business, is called in some comfort. Maybe it was to insure against the whispering diners' atmosphere which settles over restaurants when they are three-quarters empty, that the staff were loud and ingratiating. The grub when it came was worse than disappointing, it was downright poor. A full catalogue of the kitchen's failings would make dismal reading. Not one dish that came to the table was really good. Three stand out in my memory as being particularly unworthy of any three star place.

The unsolicited plate of hot one-mouthful savouries that came with the menu looked and tasted as if it had been reheated three times. The sauce on an escalop of fresh foie gras had congealed even before the dish was served. This dish was quite simply badly cooked and badly presented. And as for a hot lemon soufflé that finished the meal, I am not sure that I could even have identified lemon as the flavouring if I had eaten a

mouthful with my eyes shut. To add insult to injury the staff disappeared before the diners had finished their coffee. It was not 11.30pm. The bill for food alone - one menu at 400 francs, three first courses, three main dishes, and two puddings - was a whopping 1,675 francs. At the exchange rate prevailing in early March that is £176, which could have been justified only if the cooking had been inspired. Now before my next tale of woe, how about a happy discovery. La Maison de Filippo is in the shadow of Monte Bianco, as they call it. Europe's tallest peak in the Entree, the first village you come to on the Italian side of the Mont Blanc tunnel. Its reputation had travelled by word of mouth. "If you are skiing in Courmayeur you

must eat at Filippo's", and with little likelihood of an available evening, I went for lunch. The old stone house has pleasant rustic furnishings. Country preserves, salamis, hams, fruit and nuts are its decorations and feature again on the flat price menu; 30,000 lire translates to about £13.50. The wine is red, white or pink and it is £3 a bottle. There were so many interesting traditional northern Italian specialties on the menu that choice is difficult. Decisions made, the waitress laughed and said that everything was offered, and so it was. A plate of prosciutto, the thinly cut slices from the middle of the ham and thicker, sweeter ones from the knuckle, arrived with a platter of salamis to cut at the table. Tiny, fresh Tomini cheese with herbs or paprika replaced by silver anchovy fillets, tongue in tomato and caper sauce, pickled vegetables, salads, a bagna cauda of red peppers and celery baked in oil with anchovies and another local dish of beans baked with pork rind and herbs called cotiche con fagioli. To complete this cavalcade came a slice of boiled ham with cabbage, wine cured sausage, potatoes and apple sauce. Dishes passed between the tables with picnic informality. Then there was a choice of pasta. The ravioli served with a little of its cooking broth set an example of simple excellence, and the roast chicken spiked with rosemary which followed was as good as a chicken can be. I blush to recount that the house ice-cream with honey



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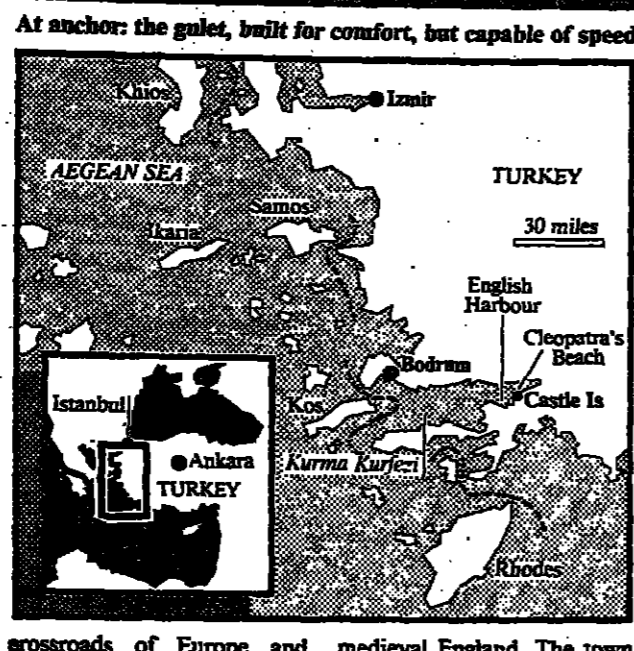
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TRAVEL

Sails set for sea dogs

John Young tests Turkish waters, accompanied by Brian, an amiable surfing hound



his English wife, plus an amiable sheppard called Brian. Although clearly designed for comfort, a gulet can, I imagine, achieve a fair speed under sail. But the sight and experience were denied us, since the daily routine was to motor a few miles along the coast, drop anchor and spend the rest of the day eating, drinking, swimming and sunbathing...

At anchor: the gulet, built for comfort, but capable of speed. It has all the stark, bright beauty of neighbouring Greece, whose islands nuzzle the Aegean coast. For much of the year there is a steady stream of traffic between the Greek islands and the Turkish mainland...

EATING OUT

Mouth watering lakeside

Lakeland is a showcase for British food, England's gastronomic Riviera. So what is special about British food? Well, dessert comes before the cheese, and if you are not in your seat by 8.30pm, you are lucky to eat at all.



Again there is no choice before pudding, service is at 8pm, and if the hotel and neighbouring cottage are full, there are only four spare spaces for casual callers. The wine list is excellent.

Unstilled: Ullswater marrying him. Now patriotic gastronomes say that the best of all British food is served in this civilized retreat. Certainly my meal of Tovey-ish soup, pike and salmon soufflé, crisp mallard with vivid damson sauce, Sussex pond pudding and varied English cheeses with home-made oat biscuits was ample justification for Susan's selection.

DRINK

Winning ways at the sales

Whatever will those auction rooms think of next? Instead of conducting sales in the dignified and discreet elegance of their plush London sale rooms, they are off gallivanting around the countryside.

Plaudits on a plate for Park Lane



Charles Wilson (right) presents the award to Rocco Forte

IN THE GARDEN

Box clever for mini marvels

Not everybody wants a large garden. Nor is it necessary: it is still possible to have a marvellous mini-garden display in window boxes, hanging baskets or free-standing pots.

QUESTION TIME

We have an eight-year-old Peregrine Peach tree in a cold greenhouse. The fruits, thinned to about 6in apart, drop off the tree before they are ripe. We have netting to catch the fruit, but it still gets bruised. What can we do?

This streamlined, spendily-equipped place north of Strasbourg combines the quality of French wine with Techno efficiency, for it is German owned. The price has increased only fractionally since 1984 from £2.25 to £2.49 (Majestic Wine Warehouses: Odobins, £2.59), but its quality is still high.

THE TIMES COOK

A healthy shade of spring greens

Shona Crawford Poole stumbles across some seasonal and colourful dishes

Filtering several dozen back numbers of Vogue for their cookery articles passed a pleasant evening. Seeing Tessa Traeger's strong and beautiful food photographs spread out on the floor was to be delighted again by her creative eye.



One recipe which I had not noticed when it was published a few years ago jumped from the page. It was for a risotto verde, an uncomplicated dish of rice cooked in stock and coloured with spinach juice.

peeling it if you like, and cut it into slices. Stir these in the lemon juice before adding them to the bowl. Blend the cheese, milk, oil and seasonings to a smooth creamy dressing. Just before serving the salad, toss the leaves and fruit in the dressing.

Extract the juice from the spinach in a juice maker. Alternatively, blend or process it without additional liquid until it is a fine purée, then squeeze out the juice, by wringing the pulp in a clean cloth. Set the juice aside.

With the addition of a few walnut halves and cottage cheese, watercress and pear salad, makes a good light lunch.

Still on the subject of spring greenery, and still in Italy, frittata verde, a sort of green omelette, are served hot, warm or cold. Basil is a traditional herb in frittata, but mine is not up yet, so sorrel, which has been thriving in the spring showers, has been substituted.

Heat a small omelette pan and add the butter. Pour in the eggs and cook them slowly, without stirring, until they are almost cooked. Finish the frittata by cooking the top under a heated grill. Serve it hot, warm or even cold.

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THE WEEK AHEAD



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THEATRE COLD STORY: Jeremy Irons with Gillian Barge, Jos Melia, Raymond Bowers and Richard Easton head the cast of A Winter's Tale directed by Terry Hands. Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford-upon-Avon (0789 295623). Opens Wednesday.



BOOKS COASTING ALONG: Lia St Aubin de Terdin, in her fourth novel The Bay of Silence (Cape, £8.95) writes of strange and steady goings-on, unusually, not in South America, but at a resort on the Italian Riviera, in Normandy, in upper-class England, and in the past.



OPERA RUSSIAN CONQUEROR: Natalia Trotskaya, Moscow-born, has shot to prominence in the West during the last two years in the Italian opera repertoire. She makes her Covent Garden debut next week singing Tosca. Royal Opera House (01-240 1066), Monday.



CONCERTS SUITE SUCCESS: Leonard Bernstein is celebrated in a festival devoted to him which starts with Lukas Foss conducting the LSO in his On the Waterfront Suite, Hall, Barbican Centre (01-638 8891). Tuesday, 7.45pm.



DANCE THREE STEP: Rosalind Newman's exhilarating, witty and expressive choreography was a hit at the Riverside in 1982. Now she returns to London for one week with a trio of new works. Sadler's Wells (01-278 8916). From Tuesday.

Elaine Paige explains why she is glad to be back on the boards in Chess, starting next week

Playing to win in a hard game

It is raining as Elaine Paige leads her white West Highland terrier, a small placid animal called Tugger, towards the rehearsal studio car park in North London from where her Porsche was stolen two months ago. Suddenly, an agitated Björn Ulvaeus appears, his rear passenger window has been smashed and all his car audio equipment stolen. "It's probably the same people," she says wearily. Still, with Chess already booked up solidly until October, perhaps such losses can be borne with fortitude. Earlier, Ulvaeus and his partner from Abba, Benny Andersson, who co-wrote the music to Chess, were to be found wandering around the studio offices nattering in Swedish, as the avuncular figure of Tim Rice, the show's lyricist, passed through on his way home for the night. Newspaper interest in Rice's alleged romance with Miss Paige may have subsided recently but romantic intrigue continues in this latest musical, set in chess tournament halls and hotel rooms in Italy and Thailand. Paige plays the part of the Hungarian born Florence Vassy, who, while seconded to, and the lover of the American chess champion, falls in love with his Russian opponent. When the musical opens at the Prince Edward Theatre on May 14, it will be two years since the Chess album was recorded in Stockholm, and it has already yielded international hits for Murray Head with "One Night in Bangkok",



Role play: Elaine Paige, who found time to learn the subtleties of chess while she was rehearsing for the show

Her West End debut in 1968, in the chorus of the musical Hair, steered her towards the heart of the Sixties hippie counter-culture, but the experience left little visible mark on the self-possessed career actress. "I look back on that period with very fond memories; it was a good, plentiful time to be 18. We all had youthful ideals, good stuff and all that, but really... rather naive. Time has changed so much for everybody since then." The big change for Elaine Paige came with her selection for the part of Eva Peron in the tremendously successful Tim Rice/Andrew Lloyd-Webber musical Evita. The headlines after her debut performance in 1978 read like Hollywood clichés:

"A Star is Born" trumpeted one daily; "An Instant Superstar" proclaimed another. Her "overnight success" as Eva continued for 20 months until she left the part in 1980. The straight acting part of an Irish murderer, Kate Webster, in Granada's Ladykillers series in 1980, was a departure from musicals that Paige welcomed, but which failed to lead to similar work. "That did absolutely nothing for my career at all. I can't think why," she says, laughing. Since 1980, Paige has also pursued a parallel career as a solo singing artist (she blanches noticeably at being called a "pop star"), and has recorded five albums with conspicuous commercial success. Last year's concert tour, her first, drew good crowds, but some unfavourable notices. While she is happy to laugh at her own misfortunes, she rebuffs such criticism with sly vigour, denouncing as "clearly the wrong man for the job" The Times reviewer who referred to "cheap and nasty arrangements" and described her as being "embarrassingly deficient in the basic ability to swing". But with Chess she is returning to the world of the West End musical. "This is what I like best. I'd rather be forced to have an age-limit imposed on it when it opens in the West End in June. Last year, when Maclean staged a parallel exhibition of erotica, a QC was employed to vet the pictures before they were hung and someone under 18 was allowed in. The most hostile reaction was from an ageing spinster critic who examined each picture and left, muttering over her shoulder: "They don't look as though they're enjoying themselves, do they?"

The Bear necessity

The week of Shakespeare's birthday was not a happy one for Sam Wanamaker's Bear Gardens Museum, which stands on the site of the old Globe theatre in Southwark. Wanamaker has long cherished plans to build a new Globe; the museum, with its unique replica of a 1616 stage, has provided performances of Shakespearean and other, rarer, Elizabethan work, and has kept the flame of the Globe alive while money, planning permission and other major problems were surmounted. But it cannot afford to go on. "The teachers' strike was a contributory factor because we weren't getting the throughput," says the director, Patrick Spottiswoode. "But we also used a new roof." With awesome optimism he hopes that if £500,000 were found, sufficient work could be done to re-open the place. But Wanamaker and his co-directors of the Globe Project are unlikely to be diverted from their main task of building a replica of Shakespeare's theatre, so the Bear Gardens Museum will almost certainly stay closed.

ARTS DIARY

An ironic reminder, in these days of F111 strikes, of another time. The Dresden Philharmonic have emerged from East Germany and will be playing at the Brighton Festival next month. Their major work will be Britten's War Requiem.

Club mix

The Groncho Club, the fashionable meeting place for London's literati (well, some of them) is suffering from its early reputation of charging more for dinner than most authors earn in a single advance. It has started a subtle recruiting drive, as well as a club night which fails to recognize John Mortimer as he walks through its doors, for new members to join regulars like Melvyn Bragg and Julie Christie: the club has combined with the Royal Court Theatre to offer the public membership at £100 if they cough up £50 for the English Stage Company. Membership is then guaranteed: it is an idea doomed from the start - meet Royal Court theatregoers prefer to spend their money on performances, not fat dinners.

Sad about sex

The puritan backlash must be easing off. I am told by gallery owner Jamie Maclean that his exhibition of erotic illustration, "The Forbidden Library", will not be forced to have an age-limit imposed on it when it opens in the West End in June. Last year, when Maclean staged a parallel exhibition of erotica, a QC was employed to vet the pictures before they were hung and someone under 18 was allowed in. The most hostile reaction was from an ageing spinster critic who examined each picture and left, muttering over her shoulder: "They don't look as though they're enjoying themselves, do they?"

Seeing red

More moving still than Vladimir Horowitz's reunion with mother Russia - his concert at the Moscow Conservatoire was televised last weekend - was the concert that didn't. Horowitz became aware that a very large proportion of the seats in the concert hall were being taken by the Politburo. So he opened up his rehearsal - to underprivileged Muscovites. I am told by one witness: "Musically it was the greater event."

TIMES CHOICE

CONCERTS: SEGOVIA'S SIXTIETH: Celebrating the anniversary of his London debut, playing pieces he included in his first Wigmore Hall guitar recital, Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, London W1 (01-935 2141). Today, 7.30pm. ESCHENBACH/LPO: Christoph Eschenbach conducts the LPO in Berlioz's Carnival Romances Overture, Chopin's Piano Concerto No 1 (James Tocco, soloist) and Tchaikovsky's Symphony No 5. Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191). Tomorrow, 7.30pm. MOZART/MAHLER: Mozart's Symphony No 38 is juxtaposed with Mahler's Symphony No 8 by the Hallé Orchestra under Stanislaw Skrowaczewski. Free Trade Hall, Manchester (061 834 1712). Thurs, 7.30pm. JUDD/LPO: Mozart's Nozze di Figaro overture, Schubert's Symphony No 8 and Beethoven's Symphony No 8 are all played by the LPO under James Judd. Stephen Hough is soloist in Mozart's Piano Concerto No 21. Barbican Centre, London EC2 (01-628 8705). Thurs, 7.45pm. THEATRE IN PREVIEW LA CAGE AUX FOLLES: Award-winning musical about middle-aged male lovers who own and run a nightclub. Arthur Laurents directs George Hearn, Dennis Quilley. Palladium (01-437 7373). Previews today, Mon-Fri, May 3. Opens May 7. TROILUS AND CRESSIDA: Anton Lesser and Juliet Stevenson in the title roles. Barbican (01-628 8785/638 8891). Previews Thurs, Fri, May 3. Opens May 6. In repertory. OPENINGS THE JEWEL OF THE NILE (PG) Routine sequel to Romancing the Stone, with Michael Douglas, Kathleen Turner, and much high

What did Katherine Hepburn say that made Anthony Hopkins change his life? Why doesn't Britain have a world-class orchestra? Is the Bolshoi, due here in July, worth queuing all night for? These questions are answered in a very different magazine launched this weekend. It's the first to cover the arts and entertainment in colour every week. But that's not all that makes it different. It's elegant, but it's also practical. From cover to cover, it's easy to find your way around. Reviews of the latest plays, films, records and books reach clear conclusions. The same goes for concerts, television, dance and art. Previews tell you about forthcoming events in plenty of time to book. And the full listings guide is national. This magazine is called Reviews. It's at your newsagents from April 25, price £1 weekly. REVIEW The new arts and entertainment magazine

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WINDSOR CASTLE
April 25: The King and Queen in attendance, left Windsor...

Passover's message of freedom

This week, Jews throughout the festival of Passover, which commemorates the Exodus from Egypt, symbolizing freedom and emancipation...

understand its relevance. For third world theologians, the Exodus is an account of the liberation of oppressed peoples...

OBITUARY DAME HONOR FELL Advances in cell biology

Dame Honor Fell, DBE, FRS, who died on April 23, aged 85, was one of the most remarkable biologists of this century. The youngest of nine children, Honor Bridget Fell was born on May 22, 1900...



SIR CHARLES JOHNSTON Sir Charles Johnston, GCMG, who died suddenly on April 23, at the age of 74, was a distinguished diplomat and Britain's last Governor of Aden...

AIR CDRE A. P. REVINGTON

Air Commodore A. P. Revington, CB, CBE, who died on April 21 at the age of 84, had a distinguished RAF career which stretched from the establishment of the service to the Berlin Airlift...

Fourth Sunday after Easter

CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, BRISTOL: Rev. Canon G. R. G. Jones... CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, BRISTOL: Rev. Canon G. R. G. Jones...

Luncheons

Restaurants
Huntley Holdings plc's annual luncheon took place yesterday at Merchant Taylors' Hall...

1986 Glendaff Awards

A luncheon was held at William Grant and Sons, 40 Piccadilly, yesterday to present the 1986 Glendaff Awards...

Schools

Bedford School
Summer Term at Bedford School began on April 24 with 1,110 boys in the school...

Birthdays

TODAY: Sir Richard Cave, 74; Mr Edward Cazalet, 82; Sir John Chadwick, 82; Mr David Coleman, 60; Sir Gordon Downey, 58; Mr J.C.B. Gosling, 56; Professor J.C. Holt, 64...

Memorial service

Sir Charles Stirling
The Queen was represented by Viscount Davidson at memorial service for Sir Charles Stirling held at Chelsea Old Church yesterday...

Service dinners

Colonel Robin Leighton-Pemberton, honorary colonel, presided at the annual dinner of the Kent and Sharpshooters' Yeomanry Officers' Dining Club...

St John's School, Leatherhead

St John's School, Leatherhead Summer Term at St John's School began on Monday, April 21. A.C. Georgiou continues as captain of the school...

St Margaret's School, Bushey, Hertfordshire

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St Columba's Church of Scotland, Perth

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Dinners

International Law Association
Lord Wilberforce, Chairman of the Executive Council of the International Law Association, presided at a dinner held at the Athenaeum yesterday.

Company of Freeman of the City of London of North America

The annual dinner of the Honourable Company of Freeman of the City of London of North America was held on Friday, April 25, at the Union Club, 38 E 37 Street, New York...

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Forthcoming marriages

Mr T. D. H. Davies and Miss J. R. Brook
The engagement is announced between Mr and Mrs P.W. Stale, of Laphroth, Warwickshire, and Diana, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs N.H. England, of Radyr, Cardiff...

Marriages

Mr N. C. J. Fortescue and Miss T. J. Ainsworth
The marriage took place on Thursday, April 24, at St Paul's, Knightsbridge, of Mr Nicholas Fortescue, son of Brigadier and Mrs Arthur Fortescue, of Walnut Tree Cottage, Skirmett, Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire...

Deaths

PARKINSON - On April 23rd at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford. Margaret, widow of Oliver and Olive. A brother for Mrs. F. Ainsworth...

Deaths

ANDREW - On 24th April, peacefully, after a long illness, Mrs. W. W. Andrews, widow of Charles Andrews, deputy secretary of the Bank of England...

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BAALAM - On 16th of April 1986, at Dromas and Malacca, a son, David Kellow. A brother for Mrs. J. Ainsworth...

IN MEMORIAM - WAR

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WALL STREET New York (Reuter) - Wall Street stocks edged higher yesterday in early trading, with IBM again leading the active.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES LONDON (Reuter) - The pound rose to a new high of 1.837.30, with the transportation average edging up 1.10 to 812.56.

DOLLAR SPOT RATES Market rates for dollar spot rates, including New York, London, and other international locations.

COMMODITIES LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE Official turnover report, listing various commodities and their prices.

Table of stock market activity, including columns for stock names, prices, and changes.

Table of foreign exchange rates, showing rates for various currencies like the Swiss franc and the Japanese yen.

Table of commodity prices, including metals like copper and zinc, and agricultural products like wheat.

Table of financial futures, listing various futures contracts and their current market values.

Table of money market rates, including discount rates and clearing bank rates.

Table of gold prices, showing the price of gold in various forms and currencies.

Table of investment trusts, listing various trust funds and their performance metrics.

Table of additional investment trusts, providing further details on different trust schemes.

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Table of London financial futures, detailing various futures contracts such as the three-month sterling.

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TEMPUS

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In the interim the multiple of nine times prospective earnings, assuming a recovery to £1.8 million before tax, with the shares at 74p is high enough. The market ended the two-week account on a subdued note yesterday.

Caution rules as rally peters out

The market ended the two-week account on a subdued note yesterday. An early rally soon petered out with investors still sensitive after this week's sharp shakeout in share prices.

Groups were wanted after the recent spate of bids. Among leaders ICI at 917p picked up 3p of Thursday's 15.4 loss that followed the figures after touching 930p in early dealings.

Oils were overshadowed by Sheikh Yamani's warning of a \$10-a-barrel spot price and the lifting of strike action by Norwegian workers.

666p in front of next Tuesday's results. Barratt gained 6p to 148p as mortgage rates declined. APV at 550p rejected the approach from Slebe 10p better at 895p.

20p. Chart Foulks shares were lifted 28p to 118p following bid terms from Cowan de Groot.

RECENT ISSUES

Table with columns for EQUITIES, RIGHTS ISSUES, and COMPANY NEWS. Lists various companies and their share prices.

Paul plans Indian share sale

Mr Swraj Paul, the chairman of Caparo Industries, is negotiating the sale of his shareholdings in two Indian companies, Escorts and DCM.

Housebuilding

George Wimpey's claim to have topped Barratt Developments from the top of the housebuilders' league has caused quite a stir in the industry.

Geers Gross

Shareholders found little to comfort them in yesterday's figures from Geers Gross, the advertising agency. It is still not clear how the company will get round its fundamental problem, which is that it makes low profits on a huge turnover.

P&O lifts stake in bid target

Just a day after revealing a £377 million takeover bid, P&O was yesterday able to lay claim to 37.26 per cent of its target, the Stock Conversion property group.

Hiram Walker taken over

Gulf Canada Corporation has captured majority control of Hiram Walker Resources in Canada's largest takeover.



IT SEEMS THEY'RE TALKING OUR LANGUAGE.

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From your portfolio card check your eight share price movements. Add them up to give you your overall total. Check this against the daily dividend figure published on this page. If it matches you have won outright or a share of the total daily prize money stated. If you are a winner follow the claim procedure on the back of your card. You must always have your card available when claiming.

Table with columns: No., Company, Group, Gain or Loss. Lists various companies like Yorkshire Chem, ASDA-MFI, etc.

Weekly Dividend table with columns: Date, Dividend. Includes note: Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £16,000 in today's newspaper.

BRITISH FUNDS

Table with columns: High, Low, Stock, Price, Chgs, % P/E. Lists various fund names.

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

Table with columns: No., Stock, Price, Chgs, % P/E. Lists short positions.

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

Table with columns: No., Stock, Price, Chgs, % P/E. Lists positions for 5-15 year period.

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

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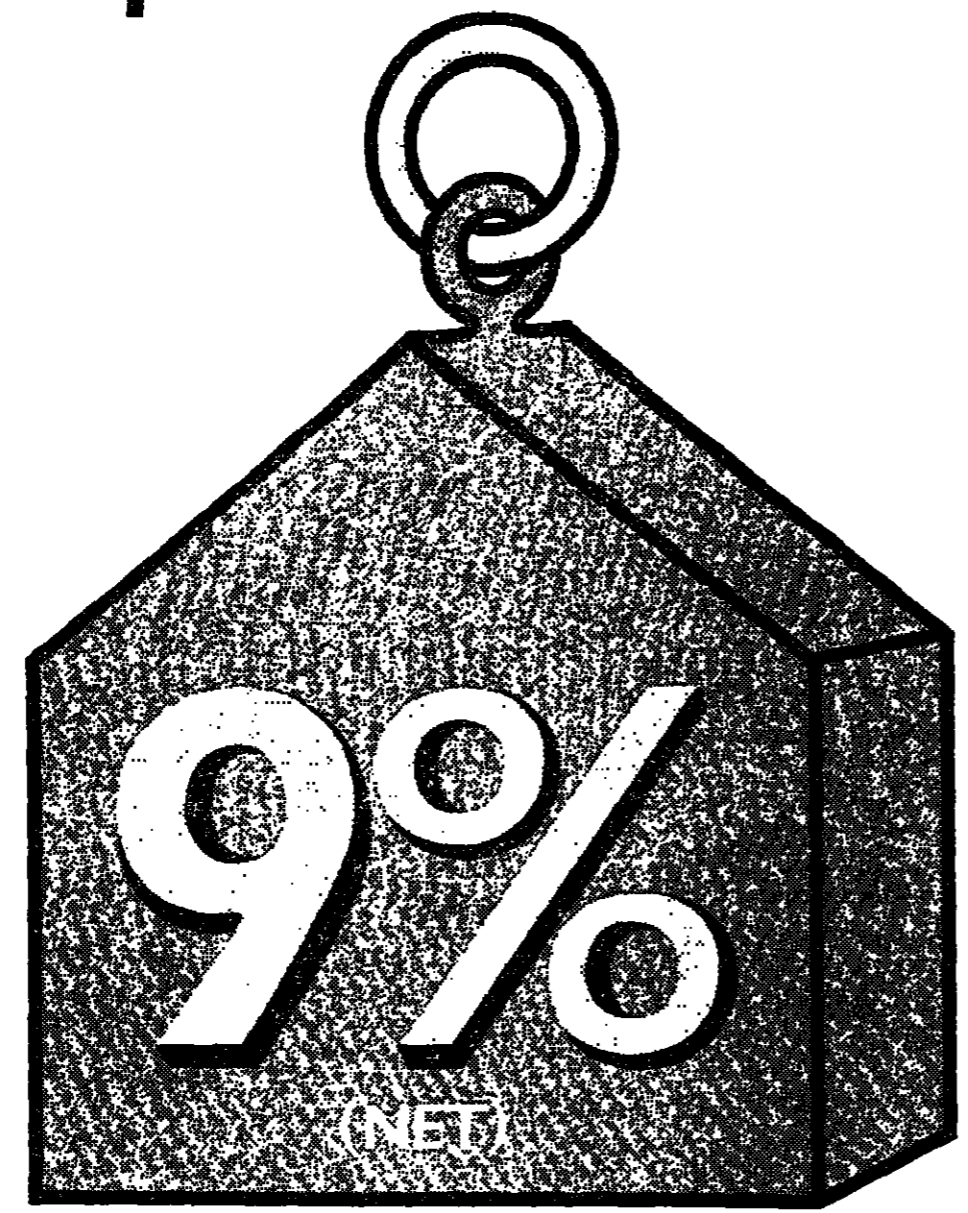
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Homework is the answer for right choice

MORTGAGES

Homebuyers have rarely had it so good and the news this week of another 1 per cent off the mortgage rate will send many would-be borrowers back to the calculator to work out how much they can afford. But deciding on the best value-for-money mortgage for a particular pocket is becoming quite an art and it is essential not to accept the first suggestion but to compare the pros and cons of repayment, endowment and, if you are self-employed, pension mortgages. Thousands of pounds are at stake. Gone are the days when the repayment or term mortgage was the obvious choice for hard-up first-time buyers, thanks in part to the arrival of MIRAS. Now that the building societies and other lenders do not charge higher interest for an endowment mortgage, this type looks as attractive as the straight repayment loan. Although in many instances the repayment mortgage works out a little cheaper - this can be crucial for the first-time buyer smashing every piggy bank to own his own home - for only a little extra a month the endowment mortgage offers an acceptable lump sum at the end of the repayment period. For example, the Norwich Union, in extolling the virtues of the endowment version, gives a convincing illustration. A man aged 34 on 29 per cent tax rates, taking out a repayment mortgage of £30,000, pays £237.41 a month (assuming the current 11 per cent mortgage interest rate) after tax relief at the basic rate. At the end of the repayment period he receives nothing extra. But if he took out an

endowment mortgage with the Norwich Union he would collect a lump sum of £21,047 - and for only an extra £2.76 a month. This comparison favours endowment mortgages; repayment mortgages often are as much as £15 a month less (see table). The benefit of an endowment, as opposed to a repayment, mortgage becomes even more obvious for the higher rate tax-payer. For example, according to the Norwich Union again, a 40 per cent tax payer, 34, taking out an endowment mortgage would pay £204.40 a month after tax relief on an endowment scheme for the same £21,047 surplus. He would pay an extra £2 a month on a repayment mortgage without getting a pay-out at the end. Given the need to check these differences, and the heightening competition between different building societies and between societies and banks, Trifolger House Group's Ideal Homes mortgage service for its customers could not be more timely. Now you can call at any Ideal Homes development site around Britain - the group sells 4,000 homes a year - and get a complete run-down of everything to do with mortgages in a matter of minutes, including which is better value for you - repayment or endowment. The Ideal Homes computer digests your financial data and comes up with a print-out of how much you can borrow and what deals are being offered by 10 and more competitive building societies and banks. The service will also tell you additional costs such as land registry charges and stamp duty.



'And they lived as happily as their mortgage would allow'

Having had first-hand experience of the Ideal Homes computer, I would recommend people planning to buy a house or flat to visit their nearest Ideal Homes site purely to check the costs and what different building societies and banks are offering now. For example, on a joint salary worth £22,000 a year the Abbey National will lend £50,000. On a property worth £50,000, only the Abbey out of the computer list offers a 100 per cent mortgage. Barclays Bank and the Bristol & West come bottom, offering only £45,000, that is, 95 per cent of the property value. As our table shows, the Ideal Homes service gives a comparison between repayment and endowment. The Alliance & Leicester offers an endowment mortgage costing nearly £22 a month more than its repayment version. But for that the home buyer receives a £23,200 bonus at the end. Not surprisingly, Ideal Homes does not cover pension mortgages as they are too specialized. But pension mortgages are a must for the self-employed or anyone without a company pension scheme. The pension mortgage has been around for several years but is only now, with tax relief on endowment premiums a thing of the past, beginning to be fully appreciated. The advantage of a loan linked to a personal pension scheme is that you get tax relief on the mortgage interest in the normal way. But you get full tax relief at your highest rate paid on the contributions to a personal pension plan. The mortgage is eventually repaid at retirement age from the commuted lump sum benefit you are allowed to draw at retirement from your personal pension plan. As our table shows, Sun Life worked out a pension mortgage on the same criteria as the Ideal Homes examples. For under £27 a month more, our 35-year-old on retirement at 60 not only receives a handy £11,246 in cash over and above the amount needed to repay the loan. He also receives a pension for life of more than £17,000 a year. And as every life company will point out, it would encourage someone taking out a pension mortgage to increase the annual payments to keep pace with inflation if possible.

Table comparing Net monthly cost of £45,000 home loan over 24 years at 11% for a borrower aged 35. Columns include Repayment, Endowment, and Pension. Rows include Net mort pymnt, Mort prot policy, Total, End of term, Net int, Endow prem, Total, End of term cash residue after loan pymnt, Net int, Net pens prem, Total, End of term cash residue after loan pymnt plus pension of.

90 DAYS ACCOUNT

Vanguard A Double First! For the second year running, Vanguard Trust Managers won the Observer 'Small Unit Trust Group of the Year' Award. We have also been awarded the Money Management 'Small Unit Trust Management Group of the Year' Award for 1985. Vanguard Trust Managers is the wholly owned subsidiary of stockbrokers Capel-Cure Myers, one of the City's most quoted and authoritative sources on investment topics. They currently look after over £1.5 billion of funds on behalf of institutional, private and pension fund clients. Since 1985 they have been a member of the ANZ Group, a major international bank with a worldwide network of offices and with balance sheet footings exceeding US\$30 billion. Act Now To invest in this Trust, please complete this application form and send it to the Managers. For your guidance only, the offer price of units on 24th April 1986 was 44.0p per unit. The Estimated Current Gross Yield is 1.8%pa.

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FAMILY MONEY/3

Calling all investors, nationwide

How would you find out the price of gold, the most active shares or the latest price for traded options? For people in the London area the answer has often been to dial Citycall, British Telecom's business phone-in service. Now Citycall is going nationwide and will be available to all telephone subscribers in response to the many demands from businessmen and private investors who want to keep tabs on what their shares, gold or foreign exchange is doing.

Flexible savings

Investment managers Touche Remnant have come up with what looks like a good deal for savers. They have launched a savings plan, which is flexible and inexpensive, whereby your savings are invested in a selection of their 10 investment trusts.

Remnant says that the benefit of any reduced commissions resulting from aggregating purchases will be passed on to the saver. Like all savings plans the benefits are generally long term. Touche has a good track record. Had you invested £1,000 five years ago and split it between all their investment trusts, it would now be worth £2,634, or £5,527 over 10.



Remnant, 2 Puddle Dock, London EC4V 3AT.

New company rules

The new rules concerning disqualification and personal liability of directors come into force on Monday. One of the targets is the fly-by-night company director who allows his company to go merrily into liquidation and then sets up a new company, with a similar name and identical trade immediately afterwards.

The rules do not go as far as had originally been planned, in that disqualification of a director will not be automatic but will require a court application and order.

The grounds for disqualification and other useful information aimed at informing directors of the new law are set out clearly in a new leaflet produced by the Department of Trade and Industry. This, and a more comprehensive guide to the law, called Guide to the Insolvency Act, can be obtained from Insolvency Services, 2-14 Bunhill Row, London EC1Y 8LL (01-606 4071).

Expat account

Cheltenham & Gloucester is the latest building society to offer a non-resident account that is paying 11.75 per cent without deduction of tax. The maximum investment is £250,000. Interest is paid annually and withdrawals can be made without notice or penalty. You have to be able to show that you are non-resident in the UK to be eligible for the account. Investors in the society's International Account will also have priority access to a home loan on return to Britain. Full details from Cheltenham & Gloucester branches.

Farmers' guide

"To survive the 1980s the farmer must pay as much attention to the business aspect of farming as he does to such things as yields, pests and the weather," says Barry Gamble in his book, The Farming Business. The book is described as being the bridge between the farmer and his financial advisers and accountants. It covers topics such as the organization of the industry, elementary farming systems, business structures, including tenancies, financial management and control, and audit and taxation. The book is published by the Institute of Chartered Accountants, £11.95. It is available from Chartac Books, the Institute of Chartered Accountants, 399 Silbury Boulevard, Witan Gate East, Central Milton Keynes, MK9 2HL.

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Shades of trust

There are 87,000 people walking around somewhere with holdings in the 17 "blacklisted" bottom performing income unit trusts, says Peter Edwards of Premier Unit Trust Brokers. "That's £300 million of investments going to waste." He has once again compiled his "white list", "grey list" and "black list" of the top, mediocre and bottom performing income unit trusts. "Many fund managers continue to meddle along year after year, with a constant poor record of dividend growth in particular. Their shareholders really are long suffering - or in the dark," he says. We include the white list - the best performers in our table - but the black list shows that no less than a quarter of income fund managers underperformed inflation over three years, and half failed to beat the share market generally. Among the worst performers, dividends were raised by only 16 per cent in three years, compared with 70, 80 and 90 per cent for those at the top of the charts.

Table titled 'INCOME UNIT TRUSTS: WHITE LIST 1986' showing dividend and capital growth rates for various funds like Schroder Income, Fidelity Grth & Inc, etc.

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A star rises in the East — again

UNIT TRUSTS

The most recent stars of the unit trust performance tables are the Japanese — after a fairly miserable 1985.

and that, in reality, three months is precious little time to judge performance. Remember too that the commodity unit trusts were high fliers in the first statistics released for 1986.

Companies funds were well in front of the Japanese competition last year and highly placed among all unit trusts.

will become to seek out the sort of stocks we want. But the window of opportunity in smaller companies is still there," says Mr Kingsett.

JAPANESE UNIT TRUSTS

Table with columns: Results of £100 investment held over 3 mths, 1 yr, 3 yrs. Lists various Japanese unit trusts and their performance metrics.

Several factors have stimulated Japanese unit trusts in recent months. Lower interest rates and a strong yen have undoubtedly boosted performance figures, as indeed have lower oil prices.

The Schroder Japanese Smaller Companies unit trust has risen by 85 per cent since the end of June last year.

Mr Graves says he has adopted almost a geographic approach to stock selection and has invested heavily in railways and large land development projects.

Bill Stuttford, chairman of Framlington, is concerned that people do not seem to be very interested in buying Framlington's Japan and General Unit Trust.

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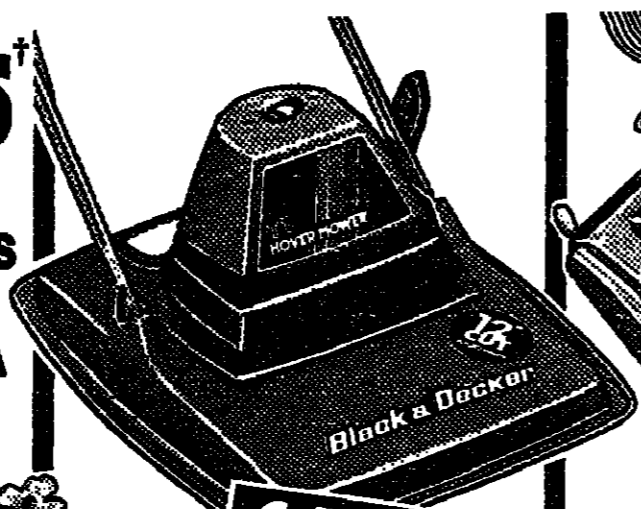
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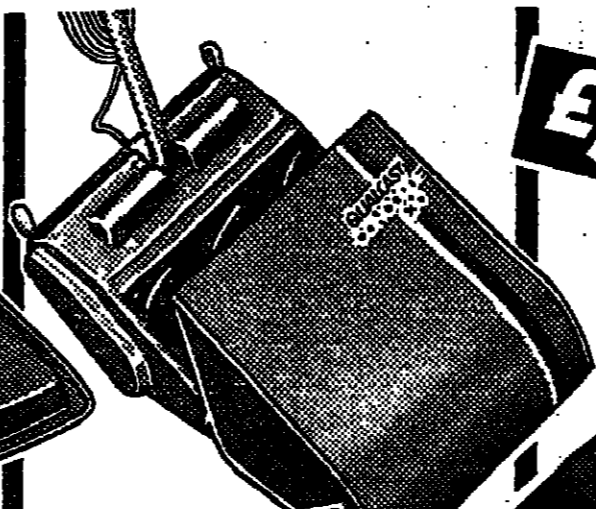
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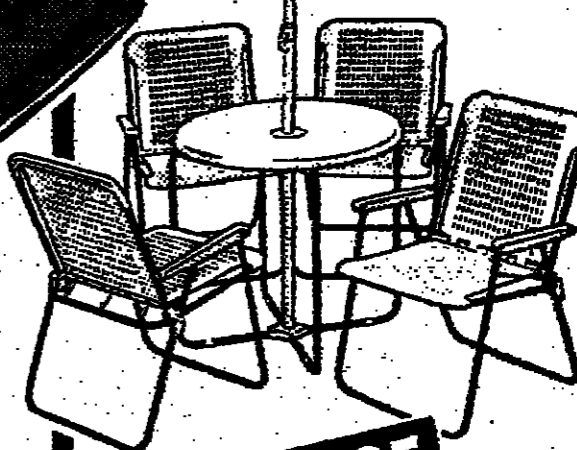
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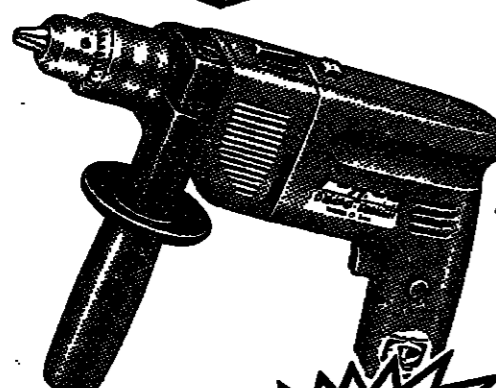
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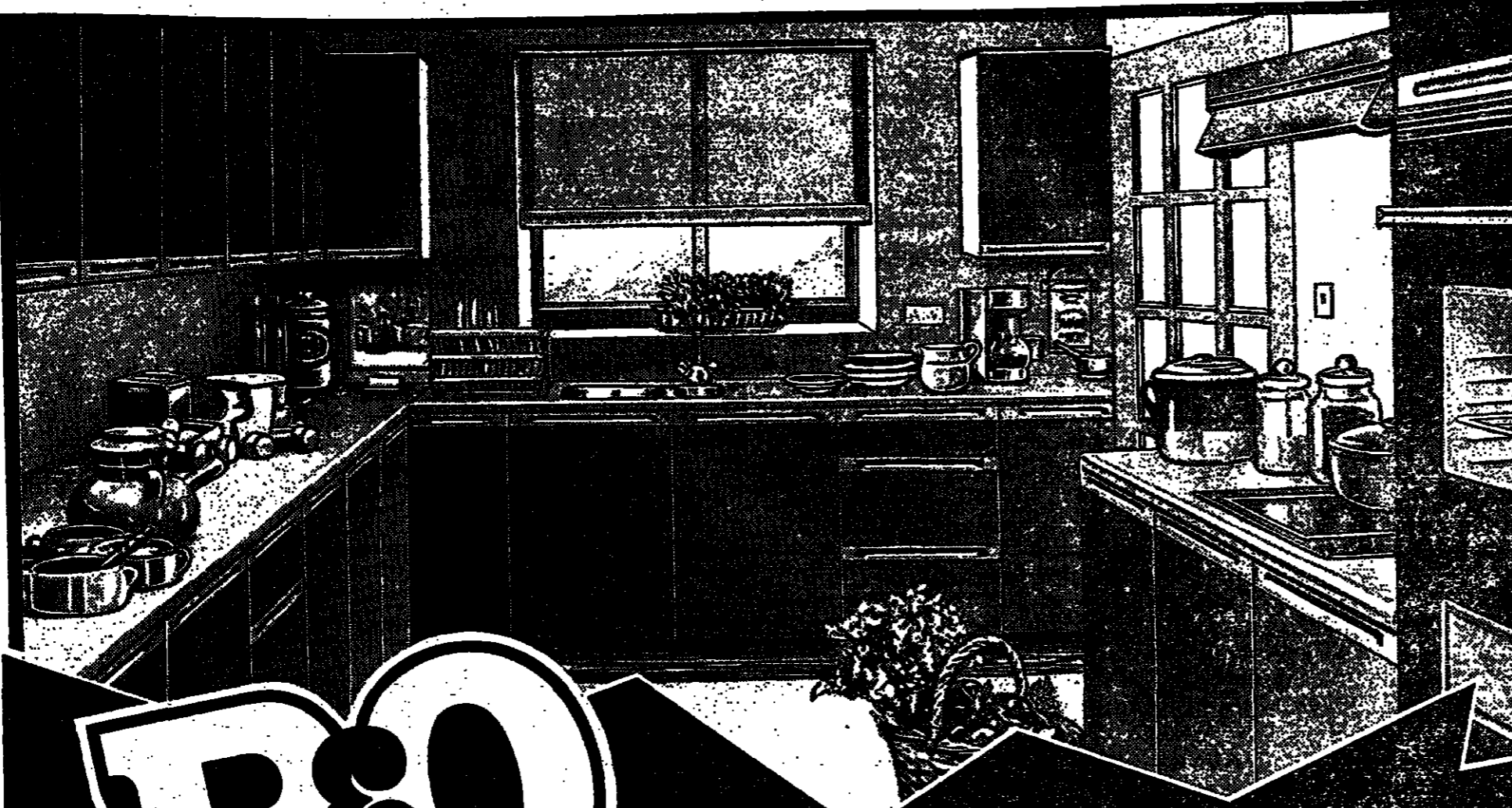
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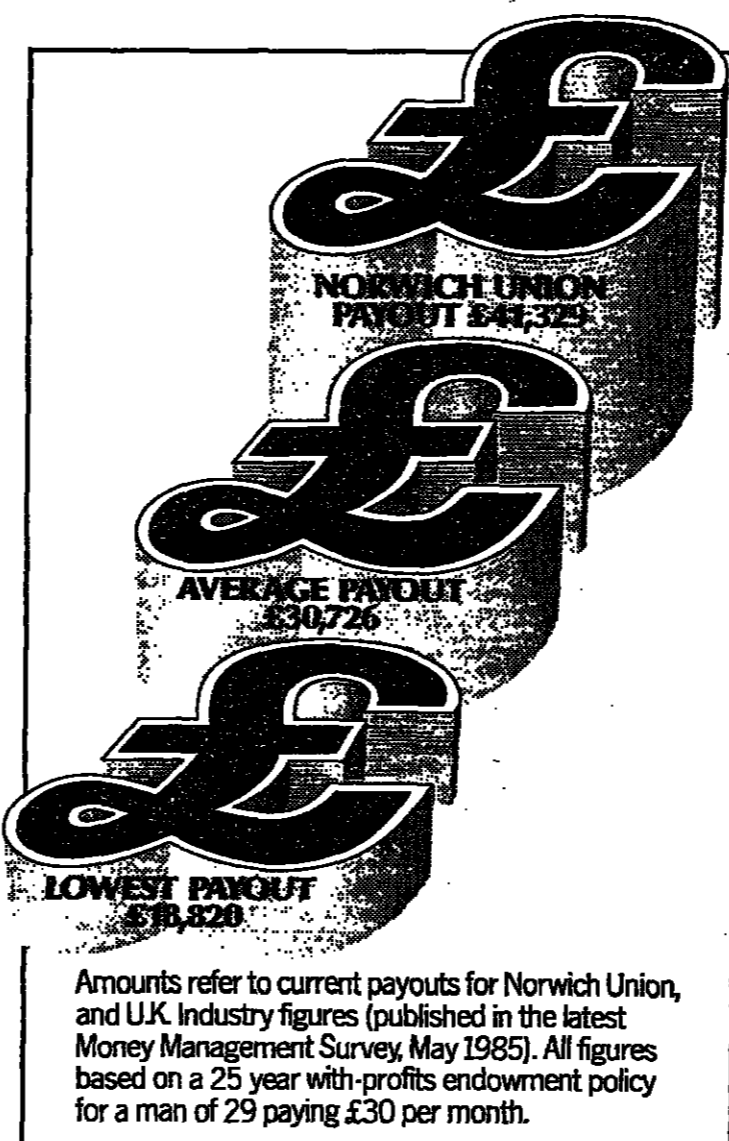
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INVESTMENT

UK shares have risen by about 40 per cent in the past year and stock markets around the world are well up too. All good news for unit-trust investors...

But it presents a dilemma for people with fresh capital to invest. If they put the new money into unit trusts...

I asked three unit-trust investment advisers what funds they would recommend to someone who wanted to put £10,000 into unit trusts right now...

Peter Hargreaves of Hargreaves Lansdown probably speaks for a lot of managers when he says "I would clearly love to see a 200-point shake-up, which would provide a clear buying opportunity..."

Mr Hargreaves points out, however, that the UK is the only industrialized nation that has maintained the balance of payments surplus for the last six years...

And he would commit £1,500 to European stock markets through the Target European Special Situation fund.



Hargreaves of Hargreaves Lansdown: Wants a shake-up

Table with 2 columns: Fund Name, Value. Includes Standard Life, Holborn Special Situations, Mercury Japan, etc.

Fifteen hundred pounds would be committed to another UK fund, Holborn Special Situation. The Prudential has only recently taken the plunge into unit trusts...

A big slice of the Hargreaves portfolio - £2,500 - would go into Japan, the biggest beneficiary of the recent fall in oil prices...

He explains: "The weak dollar is good for US industry. I would put another £2,000 in Abbey American Growth Fund..."

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WHERE THE CITY EXPERTS WOULD PLACE THE FUNDS



Savage of Hoare Govett: Optimism about UK

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General fund, which has a consistently good record. The US stock market poses something of a dilemma for investment managers...

Mr Clay would put another £2,000 into Europe. He says: "The European stock markets have risen sharply and there are signs of overheating..."

Mr Clay says: "You are not just buying the UK market plain and simple. A good special-situation fund should be able to find interesting investments in any kind of market..."

Mr Clay would put the biggest single chunk of his portfolio - £3,000 - in the Mercury Japan fund.

Table with 2 columns: Fund Name, Value. Includes Holborn Special Situations, Mercury Japan, etc.

Another £2,000 would go into Profic's Special Situation fund. Like the other investment advisers, Mr Savage thinks that at this stage of the market there is less to gain in the standard blue-chip funds...

Half the money committed overseas would go into Japan - through Garmore Japan fund. "This fund concentrates on the domestic sector in Japan rather than the export orientated companies..."

He concludes: "I think that despite the rises we have seen, worthwhile gains can still be had in all the world's equity markets."

Maggie Drummond

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Tenants who buy from the council find bills can take the pleasure out of home ownership

Flat family face £20,000 repairs

PROPERTY

For an increasing number of council house tenants who bought their rented flats at substantial discounts, the joys of home ownership have turned into a financial nightmare.

On the Churchill Gardens Estate in south-west London, Renny Hudson and the other lessees who have bought their council flats enjoy a good relationship with their landlord, Westminster City Council. But they have now been told to expect bills in the region of £13,000 each for major work that is needed to the properties.

Mr Hudson said: "The 'right to buy legislation' enabled people like me to buy property and have the security of ownership. I bought to enjoy a contented retirement which is now shattered."

The 1980 Act as amended, does provide that where a

tenant buys his flat, he cannot be charged for any work in rectifying structural defects found within 10 years of his purchase, unless he was told of them at the time he bought, or unless the council did not find out about the defect until 10 years after the sale.

The difficulty is defining what is a "structural defect" for which lessees may not be liable, and what is a "structural repair" which may be their responsibility.

The London borough of Sutton is considering bringing what it believes is the first test case to court. A lessee who bought under the "right to buy legislation" is refusing to pay towards the cost of a new roof. She is alleging that the new roof is a structural defect and her lease makes her liable for repairs only. The council considers that the replaced roof is part of the tenants' obligation to repair.

Tenants who bought before the 1980 Act came into force, cannot even take advantage of citing the 10-year structural defect rule as this part of the Act does not apply retrospectively.

Felicity Jessup bought her council flat prior to the Act. In 1973 she and her first husband had taken a tenancy, in Westbourne Gardens, west London, of a newly converted top-floor council flat which had a completely new roof. Six months after they moved in, Mrs Jessup says the original developer and an architect carried out an inspection of the property and she was told that the flat had a 30-year period before any major works would need to be done.

They decided in 1978 to buy the flat from Westminster City Council. They did not have a private survey but the council itself gave them a mortgage. Throughout the time of their ownership they have had problems with the condition of the flat, particularly the roof. They have constantly been concerned with the delays on the council's part in doing repairs and with the standard of workmanship when the work was eventually done.

Mr Jessup said: "For the last six weeks we have had scaffolding at the property, for which we have to pay, which apparently is to stop pieces of stucco dropping on passersby. The council has told us that the whole roof will have to be taken off and replaced. The dry rot is so bad that I understand that some of the external walls actually have to be taken down. We have been told that as a rough guide our share of the cost, which is 36 per cent of the total for the property, could be between £20,000 and £40,000."

"The difference in the two figures is because the council would like us to move out of the property and the higher figure is incurred if we decide to stay and the builders have to work round us."

They feel that the council's alleged neglect and mismanagement over the years have

caused the predicament that they are now in. They are faced with having to sell their flat to pay the repair bills as they already have a substantial mortgage on the property and are unable to pay £20,000 or any similar figure. The sum of £40,000 is even more out of the question, yet they claim, that they are unable to move out as they will have to pay both the costs of rented accommodation and the outgoings on the flat.

When asked about the Jessups' allegations of mismanagement and neglect, a council spokesman said: "Doing all the repairs at once works out less expensively than doing patchwork repairs over the years."

As regards the cost of the work the council said: "The exact figures for the cost of the work are not available and the figures we have given are a rough estimate. It is always a good idea to have a full survey of your property before you

buy. The council does have extended payments for financing available for its lessees. The Jessups do have redress to the court, if the court feels they have been mistreated it will find in their favour."

The Jessups are taking legal advice on the council's actions. Meanwhile, new legislation is on its way. The Housing and Planning Bill is going through Parliament and it is likely to become law in the summer. The Bill will place new limits on the charges payable by council flat buyers for repairs during the first five years after they have bought and it introduces a new right to a loan in respect of repair charges.

There may, therefore, be some limited help at hand for the future but council flat tenants should still beware if they do decide to join the nation of homeowners.

Susan Fieldman



No joy for the Jessups: The cost is just a nightmare.

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system through which all cheques being paid and received have to go in order to reach their correct destination. "The trouble with cheques is that there might be lots of technology to help the process along but the system still relies on bits of paper travelling around the country," says Mr Hunwick.

Every day vans arrive at a car park in central London and sacks of cheques are exchanged by all the banks in the clearing system.

Certainly it would work a lot more slowly without any computerization. The Banking Information Service says the clearing system now handles more than four billion transactions a year, a large proportion of which are cheques. That makes a lot of bits of paper to process and distribute around the country, and the fact that it works at all is something of a miracle. Few other countries have a system as efficient as ours.

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Law Report April 26 1986 House of Lords

Shipowners not liable for damage after risk passes

Leigh and Sullivan Ltd v Alkham Shipping Co Ltd. Before Lord Keith of Kinkor, Lord Brandon of Oakbrook, Lord Brightman, Lord Griffiths and Lord Ackner. [Speeches sold April 24] Buyers of goods damaged in carriage could not sue the shipowners in negligence for damage done to the goods at a time when the risk in the goods had not then the legal property in them, had passed to the buyers.

The House of Lords held in dismissing an appeal by the plaintiffs, Leigh and Sullivan Ltd, from the decision of the Court of Appeal (Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Oliver and Lord Justice Goff) on December 7, 1984 (The Times December 7, 1984; [1985] QB 350) to allow an appeal by Alkham Shipping Co Ltd, from the order of Mr Justice Staughton on July 30, 1982 ([1983] 1 Lloyd's Rep 203) giving judgment for the buyers for £83,006.

Under a c i f or c and f contract the buyer acquires ownership of the goods at the time when the contract is made. The shipowner's liability for damage to the goods is limited to the period when the goods are in his possession. The House of Lords held that the contract was a c i f or c and f contract, and that the risk in the goods had passed to the buyers at the time when the contract was made.

Deciding value of damage

Regina v Salisbury Justices, Ex parte Mastin. Before Lord Justice Gidwell and Mr Justice Schiemann. [Judgment given April 17] Where a prosecuting authority which sought to prefer a charge of criminal damage against a defendant was in difficulty in establishing the value of the particular property alleged to have been damaged, it was entitled to say that it could prove the minimum amount of damage.

LORD JUSTICE GIDWELL said that damage had been caused to a crop of beans in a field when the drivers of vehicles, who had been prevented from getting to Stonehenge by a police roadblock, drove into the field. Effectively, the crop, which was valued at £5,800, was damaged and the applicant with about 30 others, was initially charged with unlawful assembly.

The prosecution had made an artificial calculation and the justices should not assume that the defendant had followed the shortest route into the field, his Lordship said that the matter had not been represented to the justices that in respect of any individual defendant there was some material on which they could conclude that he had driven much further than the minimum distance.

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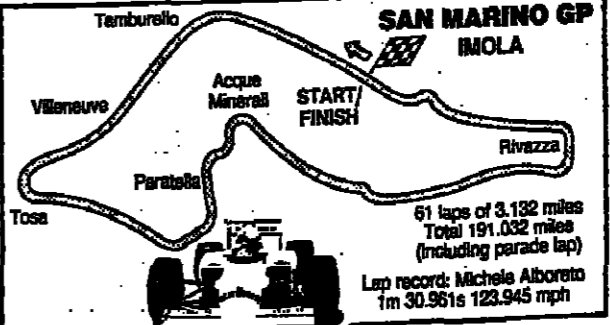
MOTOR RACING: ENGINE TROUBLE FRUSTRATES BRUNDELL BUT FAILS TO THWART MANSELL

Senna first to devour the appetizer again

From John Hunsden, Inola. Tyrrell, at present fourteenth in the list of 26 runners - it was frustrating. Brundell said afterwards that he got the more the engine seemed to be holding back.

The problem, which was later diagnosed as being almost certainly due to fuel starvation, cost him considerable time in the pits, and when he went out for a final effort with the best of his part-used qualifying tyres, he ran out of time as the hour-long session drew to a close.

Johnny Dumfries again produced a highly credible result in the second of the JPS Louses, even though he was disappointed by his own efforts. "I missed a gear on the last corner of one lap, and on another lap I missed a gear at a corner, and lost valuable time there."



Alboreto (10), Ferrari, 1:26.428; S. Mansell (GB), Canon Williams-Honda, 1:28.752; R. Rindone (Fr), Marlboro McLaren-TAG, 1:29.557; S. Johansson (Swe), Ferrari, 1:27.497; B. R. Andrus (Fr), Ligier-Porsche, 1:29.892; B. J. Larraie (Fr), Ligier-Porsche, 1:28.111; 10. Borge (Aust), Benetton-BMW, 1:28.552; 11. J. Dumfries (GB), JPS Lotus-Renault, 1:25.282; 12. P. Tambay (Fr), Benetton-BMW, 1:25.282; 13. P. Tambay (Fr), Benetton-Lotus-Ford, 1:25.077; 14. M. Brundell (GB), Data General Tyrrell, 1:25.125; 15. A. Hamann (Fr), Minardi-Motors, 1:25.956; 16. J. Jones (Aus), Williams-Ford, 1:25.077; 17. P. Straker (Fr), Data General Tyrrell-Renault, 1:26.125; 18. G. Osella (Ita), Osella, 1:28.155; 19. P. Fittipaldi (Br), Osella Brabham-BMW, 1:26.341; 20. E. de Angelis (Ita), Osella Brabham-BMW, 1:26.125; 21. M. Winkelhock (Ger), AGS-Ford, 1:26.125; 22. J. Palmer (GB), Westwood, 1:26.125; 23. P. Gache (Fr), Osella-Alfa Romeo, 1:24.461; 24. C. Darnay (Esp), Osella-Alfa Romeo, 1:37.465; 25.

Retiring editor leaves his stamp on cricket's hardy annual

End of a Wisden era

One Wisden is usually much more than another. I mean, a connoisseur is needed to detect the differences from year to year, unless there is a major revolution in presentation, as happened in 1954. All the same, we shall remember Wisden 1986, the publication of which was celebrated in London on Thursday night, as the last of the Woodcock era.

The editor of Wisden has not usually been an exceptional writer himself, but the Prestons were masterful assemblers, not literary artists. So when the Sage of Longparish, one of the leading cricket writers of his time, was appointed to the job, there was speculation as to how he would approach it - and indeed what his motives were.

Sir Donald Bradman, his first vice as he wrote Cricket at the Crossroads in 1939. This one is called Whither Cricket Now? The editor explained in a preface with a touch of self-exaltation, that both titles were Bradman's own. The articles contain much wisdom nonetheless, including the ominous sentence: "I am not sure that the game is especially day/night cricket, it is here to stay."

Calling on the old class and the new

In the second of his school previews, George Chassanov assesses prospects for the new season. At Ampleforth seven 1985 regulars are back: Kelly, the captain, has a sound knowledge of the game and should make runs. A winter tour to Pakistan discovered some very talented players.

looking to Forward, who made almost 500 runs last year, and Stearn, who took more than 40 wickets. Cheltenham have four old colours and look for a good balance made up from last year's colts and some experienced second XI players.

the three remaining colours, Fane is their captain. Sherborne have 12 players with first team experience; Peters, who toured Australia with the South-West, will lead their attack. Shrewsbury are likely to rely on their spinners and will look to Bullock, their captain, for runs.

WEEKEND FOOTBALL, RUGBY AND OTHER SPORTS FIXTURES

Table listing football fixtures for Third division, Second division, and Fourth division. Includes teams like Bolton v Bristol City, Bradford v Shrewsbury, and Burnley v Southport.

An American football hero unmasked

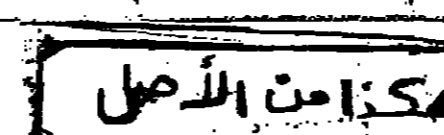
Dolphin relaxes in goldfish bowl

Sport is all about heroes. The greater the hero, the more we want to know about him. The more we learn, the less heroic he becomes. And so it seems that America's football hero, Marino, has become, with the British at least, the last refuge of the true hero. We see the greatest man of the game in a delectably tantalizing weekly glimpse throughout the autumn, and we know nothing whatever about him other than that they play football.

Simon Barnes. This media fiasco involves the coaching of all convalescing risks, taking the safe option every time; in short, the complete reverse of the Marino playing method. Marino at work is a nervous taker of risks, a man who revels in throwing passes long as a Levin sentence.

The American, I have no doubt, could tell us what Marino has for breakfast, when he will stand for President, what film he uses, and every other vital manifestation of his personality. But the new British enthusiasm for the game is still restrained and distant rather than in the old days when cricketers were not the triumphant fellows they are today, but were aloof men on cigarette cards whose resonant names (Sherlock, Jeeves) sang to you from bulky newspapers. You admired them from a distance, they were heroes.

Table listing rugby fixtures for Scottish premier division, Scottish first division, and Scottish second division. Includes teams like Aberdeen v Rangers, Celtic v Dundee, and Dundee Utd v St Mirren.



FOOTBALL: MERSEYSIDE TITLE CHALLENGE BEGINS TO FEEL THE STRAIN

West Ham are prepared to take pressure at the top

By Clive White

Rather than West Ham United cracking under the strain of playing too many matches in too little time...

Liverpool have had Danish, their manager, Hansi, Molby, Lawrensen, Gillespie and McMahon all under treatment this week...

Given that West Ham's own strength will not alone be enough to lift the championship...

Moore resigns

Bobby Moore, who led England to their World Cup triumph 20 years ago...

SCHOOLS RUGBY

Only one slip by England

The final 18 group international was won by Ireland, who beat Wales 17-3...

ICE HOCKEY

Wembley summit

The British ice hockey season reaches its climax this weekend with its annual showpiece, the Heineken championships at Wembley...

Novadays, despite a strict limit on the number of imports of three per club...



Wounded hero: Peter Reid, under treatment for a knee injury but hoping to be fit for Everton

Hearts ache for revenge

By Hugh Taylor

Although Heart of Midlothian were not at their best, and perhaps fortunate to draw with Aberdeen in their last match...

The result at Clydebank was a 1-0 win for the home side and although the fortunes of the clubs have contrasted vividly since that afternoon...

Such is Hearts's determination and commitment that they should secure the two points that will make the arrival of the League flag in Edinburgh almost certain...

ATHLETICS

Moorcroft's show back on the road

David Moorcroft runs his first serious race in Britain since injury blighted his Olympic final in Los Angeles...

OLYMPIC GAMES

Bid to end 'hypocrisy' is vetoed

There will be no open Olympics before 1992, Juan Antonio Samaranch, the president of the International Olympic Committee...

TENNIS

Frawley battles through to final

By Rex Bellamy

John Frawley, aged 20, comes from Redcliffe in Queensland and is one of the brighter prospects for the future of Australian tennis...

The left-handed Frawley was not disgraced. He ranks only twelfth in Britain and spent a fortnight as an odd-job man to raise enough money to pay his way round this circuit...

Perhaps the main interest of the afternoon will rest in Gronk where the unlikely Forfar Athletic hope to beat Morton to make themselves firm favourites to gain promotion...

BOWLS

Accurate Ottaway in the last four

By Gordon Allan

John Ottaway, last year's losing finalist and one of the best leads in England, recorded a 21-17 victory over Gerry Smyth yesterday as he made his way into the semi-finals...

FOR THE RECORD

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BASKETBALL

COPENHAGEN: European Championship: Denmark group C: Austria 67, Denmark 48...

HOCKEY

BYRONIA: Women's International: Sweden 1-0, Australia 0-1...

WORLD SERVICE

On medium wave: VHF variations at end of Radio 1 News on 4.30, 8.30, 12.30, 5.30, 7.30, 9.30 and 12.00 midnight...

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RUGBY LEAGUE

Champions at risk

The last premiership to be sponsored by Slalom Lager starts today with the televised match between Hull Kingston Rovers and Wakefield Trinity...

Wigan, who finished second, entertain a Hull Kingston Rovers side whose minds may be on next Saturday's Wembley final...

THURSDAY'S RESULTS

THIRD DIVISION: Darlington 0, Bolton Wanderers 1. FOOTBALL: Premier League: Manchester United 1, Liverpool 1...

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ICE HOCKEY

NORTH AMERICA: National League (NHL): Philadelphia Flyers 2, Toronto Maple Leafs 4...

TABLE TENNIS

TOKYO: Goodwill games: Europe 10, Japan 5.

TENNIS

TULSA: Bank of Oklahoma Classic: First round: J. Connors (USA) 6-3, P. Fleming (USA) 6-4...

SUNDAY

Radio 2, continued from the facing page. Classics in stereo, (17) Jazz: Overseas (s) 4.30 Sing Something Simple (Cliff Adams Singers) (s)...

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Saturday

Weekend television and radio programmes Edited by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

Sunday

BBC 1
6.45 Open University, Until 8.25.
8.30 The Saturday Picture Show. The first of a new series presented by Mark Curry and Cheryl Baker...

TV-AM
6.55 Good Morning Britain introduced by Mike Morris News at 7.00; regional report at 7.06; sport at 7.15.
7.15 The Wide Awake Club includes guests, pop group, Fine Young Cannibals, Kelly Temple, and animal expert, Jimmy McKay News is at 8.25.



The Princess of Wales inspects the troops in Berlin in the final instalment of the German TV series 'Royalty' (Channel 4, 9.00pm)

BBC 2
6.50 Open University, Until 1.55.
1.55 Film: How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying (1967) starring Robert Morse, Michele Lee and Rudy Vallee...

BBC 1
6.45 Open University, Until 8.25.
8.55 Play School, 9.15 Knock Knock. A selection of stories and songs about friends and friendships. (r) 9.30 This is the Day. A service of prayer and fellowship from an Iona Community home in Birmingham...

TV-AM
6.55 Good Morning Britain begins with A Thought for Sunday 7.00 Are You Awake Yet, 7.25 Cartoon, 7.50 The What's News Quiz, 8.10 Jam Barnett's Pick of the Week, 8.27 News headlines, 8.30 Jonathan Dimbleby on Sunday.



Janet Suzman (as Edwina) and Nicol Williamson who plays the title role in 'The Last Viceroy' (ITV, 7.45pm)

BBC 2
6.50 Open University, Until 1.55.
1.55 Sunday Grandstand, introduced by Steve Rider Motor Racing: The San Marino Grand Prix, Joe Hockey: the Heineken League Championship...

Radio 4
On long wave VHF variations at end of Radio 4
5.55 An Shipping Forecast, 6.00 News Briefing, 6.10 Prelude Music selected by Michael Ford, 6.30 News, 6.50 Prayer, 6.55 Weather, Travel...

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Westbury with more of Carlo Rosen's theatrical transcendence with the 1950s one-act opera by Hans Werner Henze...

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5.35 A dream in three dimensions. Richard Cork visits Monkton House and meets the poet and critic who believe it should become national property...

Chausson (Poems for violin, orchestra with Kyung-wha Chung, violin) 6.00 The Music of the World Early Music Consort of London...

play Les Vendredis, Book 1 (the work of many Russian composers) arranged by the author...

Advertisement for BELL'S SCOTCH WHISKY. Features a large image of a whisky bottle and the text 'SCOTLAND'S NUMBER ONE QUALITY SCOTCH WHISKY'.

Cup holders aim for third successive win

Bath should tame inspired Wasps

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

In 1981 Peter Wheeler, then the captain of Leicester, showed his team the newspaper which confidently predicted his club's demise in the cup final against Gosport. Leicester then proceeded to win the cup for the third successive year. At Twickenham today, Derek Arnold may do much the same before Wasps contest their first John Player Special cup final against Bath, the holders.

Arnold played 10 seasons for Canterbury and spent two years coaching them. He will return to Christchurch on Monday week after six months with Wasps which have him regretting how much there remains to do at Sudbury. "The coaching/training situation is vastly different and conceivably back row. Hall has returned from injury with an increased appetite and will be able to match Rose at the back of the lineout while the sheer physique of Simpson and Spurrell will give them an edge over the lighter men, Pegler and Rigby.

Ring holds the key for Cardiff

By Gerald Davies

Anyone assessing the relative merits of Cardiff and Newport, who play in the Schweppes Welsh Cup final at the National Stadium, Cardiff, this afternoon, will find that the teams are as strong as each other on the limited platforms which they have constructed for themselves this season.

compete with Golding and Roberts; Waters, though at No 8, will roam up and down to pursue the threat of Norster in the line-out. And in the front row the hookers, Watkins and Phillips, the captains of the two teams, might want to believe that there is a score or two that they have to settle. Their rivalry, so it would appear, has not always been of the healthy kind. It needs to be today.

SNOOKER

Johnson finds his rhythm

By Sydney Friskin

Joe Johnson, of Bradford, who has found diversions from snooker by singing with a pop group called Made In Japan, made a clearance break of 110 at the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield, yesterday, on his way to an 11-5 lead over Mike Hallett in the second round of the Embassy world championship.

lead in the scheduled 25-frame match. He had started the day 5-3 up and soon consolidated his position, adding to the century with breaks of 60, 73 and 85 to go 11-4 ahead. Hallett won the sixteenth frame after a struggle.

Both have battle-hardened front row forwards, which gives them power in the scrum, they have ball-winning capacity in the lineout and each has an aggressive and energetic set of players in the back row. Their scrum halves are largely link-men who allow the stand-off halves to exert their influence on the style of play.

Jim White and John Parrott were tied at 4-4 after the first period of their second-round match. It was a strange encounter in which neither player had complete control.

TENNIS

Weather beaten

From Richard Evans Monte Carlo

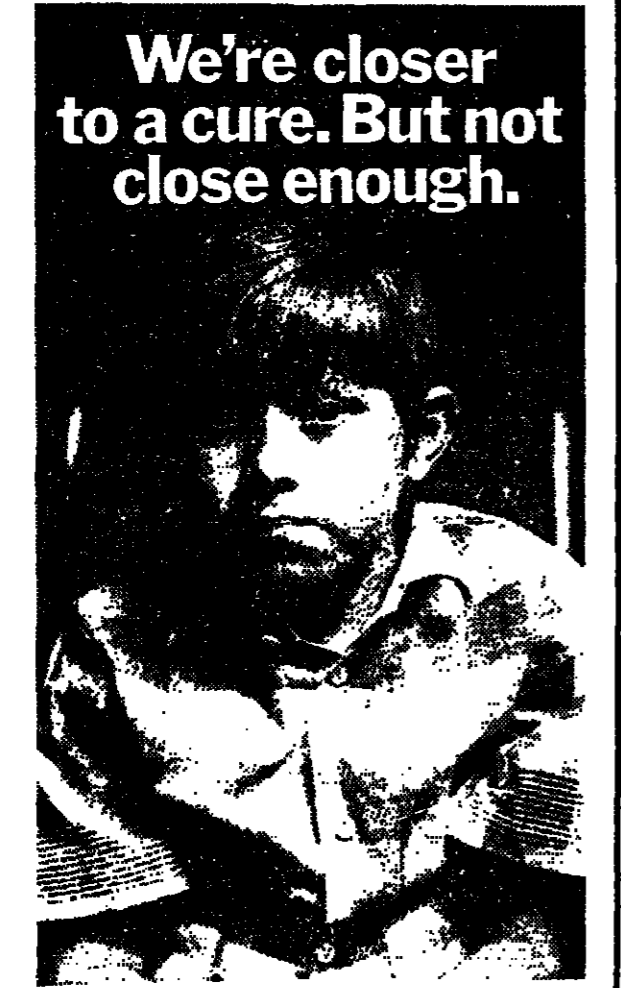
The sliding roof, which has saved this rain-drenched Monte Carlo Open from being waterlogged over the last few days, suddenly slid back in the middle of Stefan Edberg's much interrupted match with Andreas Maurer yesterday and brought everything to a soggy halt.

The problem was the wind. It blew against the sensitive, automatic control that guides the cantilevered rubber covering, exposing players and spectators alike to the steady downpour that turned the normally resplendent Monte Carlo Country Club into an aqua park.

Cliff Thorburn said after his 10-5 victory over Bill Werbeniuk on Thursday night that his concentration was in a bad state, but he hoped it would improve.

Muscular Dystrophy has caused David too much suffering for far too long. At four, he began to find it difficult to walk. By the age of ten, this relentless, muscle-wasting disease had confined him to a wheelchair.

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Key role: Hall's renewed appetite will test Wasps's Rose at the back of the lineout

Leading the way towards a light

One of the tragedies in South Africa is that the substantial advances in non-racial integration achieved by sport are now being impeded not by white but by black radical politicians. There are non-white elements who, provocatively, are looking for confrontation rather than peaceful consensus.

Mark Plaatjes, the national marathon champion, who, ironically, was prevented by the anti-apartheid movement from competing in the London marathon on Sunday, was to have opened the recent South African Games, but he had to be replaced because of threats to burn down his house by fellow blacks. Reprisals against non-whites, who are willing to collaborate in integrated sport, by their own people, are distressingly commonplace.

CRICKET: SEASON GETS UNDER WAY IN FAMILIAR STYLE

Prichard shows his class

By Ivo Tennant

FENNER'S: Match abandoned as a draw

It was as well for Cambridge that the weather forecast was accurate. Teetering on 25 for five in hopeless pursuit of 349 to win, they were spared by thunder and lashing rain soon after tea as much as by their opponents' need of batting practice.

Willingness goes unrewarded

By Alan Gibson

THE PARKS: Oxford University drew with Gloucestershire

Both captains showed a willingness to push for a finish, but in the end the weather proved too great an obstacle to a satisfactory conclusion. Oxford, 106 for three overnight, batted until lunch and declared on 179 for nine.

Boxing has been amalgamated

The boxers wanted to keep part but were threatened with reprisals. Yet boxing led the way to sporting integration with the first black v white professional bout in 1973, between Bob Foster, of America and Pierre Fourie at the Rand Stadium, since when all professional boxing has been amalgamated under the Board of Control with single non-racial championships.

Those in Britain who, altruistically, tried to persuade Frank Bann, that was supporting the racistist fight, to fight against the truth: that professional boxing in South Africa is more racialist harmonious than you will find anywhere in Britain, as I witnessed at a promotion at Vanderbijlpark, the street town near Johannesburg, with total integration of spectators, fighters, managers, trainers,

Federations in a dilemma

referees, and judges. Stanley Christodoulou, executive director of the Board of Control, is one of the world's top referees and handled the McGuigan-Pedroza contest.

The South African sports federations are at this moment faced with a dilemma. Peter Madasa, of the Transkei, has invited the Republic to take part in the annual Homelands Games next month, staged by the tribal areas which are not internationally recognised, and are seen by some as an arm of the apartheid system.

The Homelands Games include five sports, all of them integrated in the Republic: football, boxing, tennis, athletics and netball. Yet the sports federations know that they will be criticised whichever decision they take, rejecting or accepting the invitation. Liberal whites and black South African sports administrators believe that taking part would not be implicitly encouraging apartheid but extending valuable relationships.

South Africa is tortured by its history. John Barrie, a vice-president of the Federations, is a representative on the International Yacht Union. His grandfather helped to build the Harlebeesport Dam where the Western Transvaal YC sailed. He is sincerely committed to integrated sport, yet his manner occasionally reveals traces of sub-conscious inhibitions which are part of human nature, which are there between Scots and English or between Canadians of opposing tongues as much as between blacks and whites.

The inhumanity of some South African whites means that every white South African is now measured by a standard morality which whites all over the world would be hard-pressed to meet.

South Africa still has a huge distance to travel to achieve the most fundamental of equalities which condition all others, social, economic and cultural: equality of education. It is galling to see young black boxers in a community centre in a Johannesburg suburb enthusiastically shadow-boxing like a would-be Ali in worn-out leather shoes without even faces because they cannot afford a pair of gym shoes.

Yet the gymnasiums are integrated. I believe that sport is leading the way in South Africa and that, insignificant as sport may be within the whole society.

David Miller

Davidson is forced out

Brian Davidson, Gloucestershire's 39-year-old Rhodesian-born batsman, has been forced to give up county cricket following a Home Office decision not to issue him with a British passport.

David Graveney, the county captain, who had hoped to include Davidson in his side to play Glamorgan said: "We were hoping the Home Secretary would give 'Davo' a passport in recognition of his long years of service to English cricket."

Sussex will be without Imran Khan for their opening Britannia Assurance championship match of the season, against Lancashire at Hove today, in a game which provides the former Sussex open-

er Geban Mendis, making his Lancashire debut, with an early return to Hove.

Yorkshire, without Geoff Boycott, who has a back injury, take a squad of 12 to Taunton for their match against Somerset. Ashley Mallett, who recently married Ray Illingworth's daughter, Diane, is likely to open the innings with Martyn Moxon.

The first day of Gloucestershire's championship match against Glamorgan at Bristol has been lost to the weather. Heavy rain over the last week has left the ground unplayable and there will be a further inspection to see if play can take place on Sunday.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Back to the future

Philadelphia (Reuter) - Ireland's Eamonn Coghlan, proving his fitness in a return after injury and competing in what he called his event of the future, ran the fastest 10,000 metres in the world this year with a time of 28min 19.3sec at the Penn Relays athletics meeting.

Boston barrier

Boston (UPI) - Plans to make the Boston Marathon the 1988 women's US Olympic marathon trials have been blocked by new Athletics Congress demands which include a ban on all top foreign runners.

Real setback

Britain's chances of defeating the United States to retain the Bathurst Real Tennis Cup were damaged when Alan Lovell withdrew (William Stephens writes). His replacement, Mick Dean, lost to Kevin McCallum at Queen's Club yesterday, but Julian Snow beat Ralph Howe to level the rubbers for today's doubles.

New battle

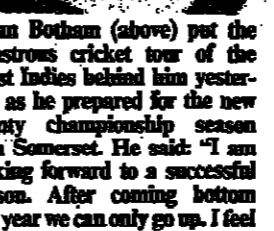
The controversy involving Severiano Ballesteros and the ban imposed on him by Deane Bennan, the commissioner of the USPGA tour, has taken a new twist. They will play against each other in the Carrolls Irish Open from June 19 to 22.

England spur

Jakarta - England's women scored their first win of the world badminton team championships by taking a 3-0 lead against Canada in the Uper Cup (Richard Eaton writes). This means that their hopes of earning a medal have not disappeared. They will have to surprise South Korea tomorrow and Helen Troke will have to produce a more confident performance than when she beat Claire Backhouse 7-11, 11-3, 11-0.

Bribery bid

Serai (AP) - An official and a former player of the Greek first division football club, AEK of Athens, have been sentenced to one year in prison for attempted bribery. Giorgos Christodoulou, the general director, and Giorgos Rigas were convicted of offering Panseirakos players money to throw a match.



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